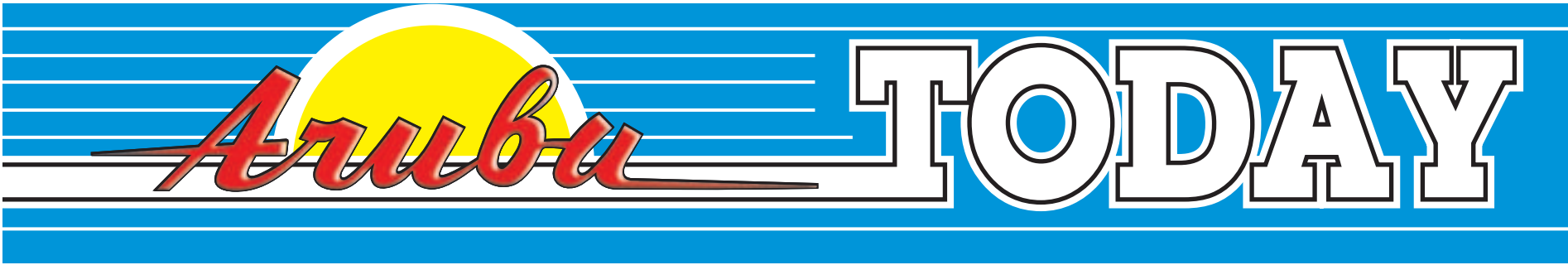




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Germany's Andre Schuerle scores his side's seventh goal during the World Cup semifinal soccer match between Brazil and Germany at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Tuesday, July 8, 2014. Germany thrashed Brazil 7-1 to advance to the 2014 World Cup final.

(AP Photo/Martin Meissner)

Germany Thrashes Brazil 7-1, Reaches World Cup Final

US-China strategic talks get test this week

BRADLEY KLAPPER
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — The United States and China will spend time over the next couple of days testing whether their annual "Strategic and Economic Dialogue" can produce tough compromises or just serve as a venue to talk about greater cooperation. The Obama administration comes with a clear set of priorities to this year's meeting in the Chinese capital:

market restrictions in China. Strategic discussions include the threat posed by nuclear-armed North Korea. U.S.-China gatherings in recent years have vacillated between icy and warm. The dialogue two years ago in Beijing weathered the escape from house arrest by Chinese dissident Chen Guangcheng and a U.S. decision to grant him asylum. Last year in California, President Barack

forces are rapidly gaining strength.

It will be represented by foreign policy chief Yang Jiechi and Vice Premier Wang Yang. In a recent interview with The Associated Press, the top American diplomat for Asia outlined one area where he hoped to see progress: the restart of a cybersecurity working group that China shut down after the U.S. indicted five Chinese military officers. The

has fumed since the indictments were unsealed in May, ending talks that the U.S. had hailed as a diplomatic coup when they were set up after Obama's summit with Xi. Obama is expected to visit China again later this year. With no cybersecurity breakthrough likely, senior U.S. officials traveling on Kerry's plane refused to outline what would constitute a successful result this week.



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, center, and U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, second from right, wave to journalists as they visit to Badaling Great Wall of China in Beijing, China Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

closer coordination against climate change, an end to Chinese industrial cyber-espionage and stricter rules governing maritime claims in Asia's contested, resource-rich seas. But it's unclear whether Washington will be able to forge an effective agreement with Beijing in any of these areas. All told, the two sides will canvass 60 topics when they meet Tuesday night through Thursday. Economic friction centers on the valuation of China's currency and claims by American companies of unfair

Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping pledged to establish "a new model of major power relations." Yet on many issues, the U.S. and China are mired in disagreement, reflecting natural friction between an established superpower and an emerging one. The United States, with the world's biggest economy and strongest military, will be led this week by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew. China's economy is set to surpass the U.S. in the coming decades and its armed

Obama administration accused the officers of hacking into American companies' computers to steal trade secrets. China demanded the charges be withdrawn; it has no plans to extradite the men. Such behavior from China "risks undermining the support for the U.S.-China relationship among the U.S. and international business community," Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel said. He said Beijing must address the problem of cyber-espionage. China isn't playing ball. Its communist government

Instead, they stressed the long-term importance of the two countries working through their differences for the stability of each, and the rest of the world, noting how several issues have been settled over time. For example, the proliferation of Chinese nuclear technology, a serious worry in the 1990s, is no longer a central U.S. concern. The last year has been difficult for U.S.-Chinese cooperation. Beyond the cyber-hacking dispute, ties are strained by Beijing's actions in the South and East China seas. □

CARIBBEAN NEWS BRIEFS

The British Virgin Islands gets \$35M cruise wharf loan

TORTOLA, British Virgin Islands (AP) — A bank has agreed to provide financing for a cruise ship pier expansion in the British Virgin Islands, officials in the Caribbean territory said Monday. First Caribbean International Bank reached a \$35 million loan agreement with the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority, the government said in a statement. The terms were not released. Ports Authority Managing Director Claude Skelton-Cline said site preparations have begun and construction should be underway in August. The \$52 million project is scheduled to be completed by next summer. In addition to a larger cruise ship pier, the project includes retail and other development on five acres. The British Virgin Islands brought in about 340,000 cruise ship passengers last year, down from 571,000 in 2008 in a decline officials said was caused by an inability to accommodate larger ships. □

No arrests over US missionary's murder in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haitian investigators have made no arrests and little progress in the May slaying of an elderly U.S. missionary who was fatally stabbed at his rental home in the capital. Police investigator Jean-Faustin Solomon says several people have been questioned but nobody has been arrested in the death of 77-year-old George Knoop. The retired teacher from Chicago was working at the evangelical Quisqueya Chapel in the densely packed Delmas section of Port-au-Prince. Fellow church member Zach Segaar-King said Tuesday that many missionaries are still grieving and remain emotionally scalded. □

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Obama seeks nearly \$4 billion for immigration crisis

MICHAEL D. SHEAR

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama is requesting almost \$4 billion in emergency funding from Congress to confront an immigration crisis from a wave of unaccompanied children surging across the southern border of the United States, White House officials said Tuesday.

The financial request, which is almost twice the amount that officials had previously signaled might be necessary, would boost spending on border patrol agents, immigration judges, aerial surveillance and new detention facilities. Nearly half of the money would be used to improve care for the children while they are moved through the deportation process.

"We are taking steps to protect due process but also to remove these migrants more efficiently," a White House official said Tuesday. "We are taking an aggressive approach on both sides of the border."

Congress will have its own ideas on how the \$3.7 billion should be spent. And already there were signs from Republicans on Tuesday that the president's proposal did not address all of their concerns. Michael Steel, a spokesman for House Speaker John A. Boehner, said a "working group on the border crisis" would review the proposal. "The speaker still supports

deploying the National Guard to provide humanitarian support in the affected areas - which this proposal does not address," Steel said.

The decision to ask Congress for more money comes as Obama leaves for Texas on Tuesday on a previously scheduled trip that involves political fundraising and events focused on the middle class and the economy.

Obama is not scheduled to travel to the border during his visit but has offered to meet privately with Gov. Rick Perry, after Perry declined a photo-op handshake with the president in front of Air Force One when Obama arrives.

Valerie Jarrett, a senior White House adviser, invited Perry to a roundtable discussion about the issue with faith leaders and local officials in Dallas. White House officials said Tuesday that Perry had accepted the invitation, but officials in the governor's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The delicate negotiations over a meeting between the two leaders underscore the high stakes for politicians as they deal with the huge numbers of unaccompanied children crossing into the United States in recent months.

Obama is under intense pressure from Republicans to show that he is crack-

ing down on the new wave of illegal immigration. The White House has said it intends to ask Congress for more money to more efficiently return the children to their countries. The administration has also said it wants Congress to give

he will take to moderate deportation policies, especially in cases where the deportations separate established families.

The immediate question of a meeting with Perry also highlighted the sensitive nature of the public rela-

has no plans to do that on his trip. But the governor's letter made it clear that Republicans are eager to draw Obama into the issue more directly.

"I have followed up with several further communications inviting you to tour



President Barack Obama walks from the Oval Office towards the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, July 8, 2014, before boarding the Marine One helicopter for a short trip to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., before traveling to Denver. Obama is requesting almost \$4 billion in emergency funding from Congress to confront a growing immigration crisis, White House officials said Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

officials more authorities to process the children faster. But the president is also receiving criticism from immigration activists, who have long urged Obama to reduce the number of deportations of illegal immigrants already in the country. The president is expected this summer to announce steps

tions decisions facing the White House in a situation like this.

White House officials had said last week that they saw no reason to send Obama to the border for a speech or event to draw attention to the latest immigration issue. Officials have said repeatedly that the president

the border and view this crisis firsthand," Perry wrote. "At any point while you are here, I am available to sit down privately so we can talk and you may directly gain my state's perspective on the effects of an unsecured border and what is necessary to make it secure." □

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Police charge NC woman with abandoning baby by subway

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NEW YORK - Police on Tuesday charged a 20-year-old North Carolina woman they say abandoned her baby Monday in a crowded Manhattan subway station. The woman, Frankea Dabbs, did not appear to have a residence in New York, and the police de-

In a handout photo from the New York Police Dept., a baby abandoned at the Columbus Circle subway station on July 7, 2014. A woman believed to be the child's mother was in custody Tuesday, after police asked the public for help identifying a woman seen in tapes pushing the child's stroller off the train before it left the station.

(NYPD via The New York Times)

scribed her as homeless. It was not immediately clear when she arrived in the city from Raleigh, where she had been living. Police charged Dabbs with child abandonment, a felony, and acting in a manner injurious to a child, a misdemeanor.

Police did not release the name of the 11-month-old girl, who is in the custody of the city's child welfare agency.

Shortly before authorities announced charges against Dabbs, detectives in Queens arrested a mother in the death of her 11-month-old son, found unconscious and without apparent signs of trauma at home Sunday afternoon. Police said the woman in that case, Nicole Kelly, 22, did not at first describe harming the boy, Kiam Felix Jr., but later, under questioning, indicated to detectives that she had harmed the child. The city medical examiner had yet to determine the cause of death.

Both Kelly and Dabbs told police that they felt overwhelmed by their situations. Police surveillance footage showed Dabbs on Monday just before noon as she pushed a polka-dot stroller onto a platform in the Columbus Circle station. Moments later, police said, she stepped back into the No. 1 train alone, leaving the baby behind. On Monday night, police released pictures of the child and asked for the public's help in identifying her. They later released a video of Dabbs. The infant was found by a 33-year-old woman who passed the stroller on the platform. After staying with the child for about 20 minutes, she called authorities. Hours later, just after midnight Tuesday, a second good Samaritan saw Dabbs walking in Manhattan and, recognizing her from video released by authorities, flagged down a police officer, police said. She was taken into custody a short time later. □

Pharmacist charged in theft of 200K pills

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A major New York hospital's former pharmacy chief stole nearly 200,000 oxycodone pills from the medical center over more than five years and has been charged under a state drug-kingpin law more often aimed at accused street dealers, narcotics prosecutors said Tuesday.

Anthony D'Alessandro pleaded not guilty. His lawyer, Joseph Sorrentino, said D'Alessandro is no drug lord, but rather a man who told a hospital investigator he'd had a drug problem. City Special Narcotics Prosecutor Bridget Brennan's

office is still investigating what became of the drugs but believes they ended up on the thriving black market for prescription painkillers, where the more than 193,000 missing pills could get a total of about \$5.6 million. While serving as Mount Sinai Beth Israel's pharmacy director for 14 years before his firing this year, D'Alessandro is accused of exploiting his access to the hospital's drug vault to grab oxycodone pills on nearly 220 different dates: about 100 at a time when he started in January 2009, but 1,500 at a time when the scheme came to light this spring, Brennan's office said. □

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Holder: Threat from Syria endangers Europe, US

ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder called on European nations Tuesday to deal more aggressively with the threat posed by the thousands of Westerners who have traveled to Syria to join the fighting there.

In a speech for Norwegian diplomats in Oslo, Holder encouraged European countries to pass laws that make it illegal to prepare for or plan an act of terrorism; to conduct undercover operations to identify individuals planning a trip to Syria; to better share information and data with the U.S. and other countries about foreign fighters; and to develop programs to counter radical extremism.

"This is a global crisis in need of a global solution. The Syrian conflict has turned that region into a cradle of violent extremism," Holder said in his speech, according to a copy of his prepared remarks. The speech, at the U.S. ambassador's residence, comes amid growing concerns about citizens from the United States and Europe who are traveling to Syria to join the fight against the Syrian govern-



US Attorney General Eric Holder speaks at the US ambassador's residence in Oslo Tuesday July 8, 2014. Holder is in Norway to make a major address on international efforts to confront the se-

curity threat posed by violent extremists traveling to and from Syria.

(AP Photo/Anette Karlsen / NTB scanpix)

ment. U.S. officials fear those individuals, who are able to travel without visas between the United States and Europe, could easily return home radicalized and apply terrorist training received while in Syria. □

Charges: Russian man stole data from retailers, restaurants, zoo

SEATTLE (AP) — A Russian man recently arrested on bank fraud and other charges hacked into computers at restaurants in Western Washington, hundreds of other retail businesses, and even the Phoenix Zoo, U.S. authorities allege. Roman Valerevich Seleznev appeared in court in Guam on Monday and was ordered detained until a hearing July 22. The 30-year-old Moscow man was arrested by the U.S. Secret Service over the weekend, according to documents filed in federal court in Seattle.

Seleznev, known by the underground name "Track2," carried out a scheme to hack into retailers' computers, install malicious software and steal credit card numbers from 2009 to 2011, according to an indictment unsealed Monday.

He is accused of marketing and selling those stolen credit card numbers on "criminally inspired websites" and using servers in Virginia, Russia, Ukraine and other parts of the world to help carry out the scheme. In March 2011, a grand jury in Washington state indicted Seleznev on charges of bank fraud, obtaining information from a protected computer, aggravated identity theft, trafficking in unauthorized access devices and possessing stolen credit card numbers. Seleznev also is charged in a similar but separate indictment in Nevada.

The Washington indictment accuses him of hacking into computers at the Broadway Grill in Seattle and stealing 32,000 unique credit card numbers between December 2009 and October 2010. □

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The skyline in Cleveland, July 2, 2014. Seeking to capture the quintessential swing state of Ohio in the next presidential election, Republicans will hold their 2016 national convention in Cleveland, the party announced on Tuesday.

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GOP picks Cleveland for 2016 convention

PHILIP ELLIOTT
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cleveland won the backing of a Republican National Committee panel on Tuesday, all but guaranteeing the party's next presidential pick will accept the party's nomination there in 2016.

The Republicans' site selection committee backed Cleveland over Dallas and the full 168-member RNC is expected to ratify the choice next month. RNC Chairman Reince Priebus said a specific start date for the convention has not been picked.

Paying for the convention was the top criterion for the 12-member site selection committee. The previous two Republican conventions have sapped party dollars during election years, and Priebus insisted the host city not leave the central party picking up the tab, which is expected to be around \$60 million. In proposals and presentations to the party, Cleveland pledged to raise the

tens of millions of dollars required to pay for the weeklong rally for the party faithful. A successful convention is a boon not just to the political party, but also to the local economy. Democrats, meanwhile, are on their own timeline for picking a venue. Democratic National Committee officials will begin site visits with a stop July 21 in Birmingham, Alabama. Other cities in contention are New York City; Philadelphia; Cleveland; Columbus, Ohio; and Phoenix. DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz is expected to announce a host city either late this year or early in 2015.

In a post-convention report, organizers of Tampa, Florida's 2012 Republican convention said its \$58 million in fundraising resulted in a \$214 million direct economic impact. Some 50,000 activists, officials and reporters descended on the Tampa area for the convention, officials said. More journalists visited Tampa for the Republican convention in 2012 than

visited in 2009 when Tampa hosted professional football's Super Bowl.

That economic impact is one reason cities competed for months to host the convention.

Organizers earlier eliminated bids from Denver; Cincinnati; Columbus, Ohio; Kansas City, Missouri; Las Vegas and Phoenix.

After Las Vegas was no longer in play,

Dallas emerged as a major competitor, in part because of its coalition of wealthy donors with ties to the Bush family and the oil industry.

Dallas hosted the 1984 Republican convention, and Texas is seen as a reliably Republican state in presidential elections.

But Cleveland has made an aggressive — and persuasive — pitch to host Republicans on the shores of Lake Erie.

Ohio is a perennially hard-fought state in presidential campaigns. No Republican has captured the White House without Ohio since Abraham Lincoln in 1860. □

Obama inches into competitive Colorado Senate race this week

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, President Barack Obama is inching into one of the highly competitive races that could determine whether Democrats maintain control of the U.S. Senate this fall. Obama's trip to the state of Colorado to raise money for Sen. Mark Udall underscores the political risks for vulnerable Democrats of being linked with the increasingly unpopular president.

Obama will headline a high-dollar fundraiser for Udall in Denver on Wednesday but the event is off-limits to news cameras. Udall's office also says the senator will not attend an economic speech the president plans to deliver in Denver, ensuring that there will be no photos of the two men together.

Republicans quickly pounced on Udall's plans, eager to link the incumbent to a president with sagging approval ratings, both nationally and in Colorado.

"Sen. Udall's message to the president is clear: help me rake in campaign cash behind closed doors, keep the media from capturing photos of us together, and avoid real Coloradans at all costs," said Alex Siciliano, a spokesman for Rep. Cory Gardner, Udall's opponent in the November election.

Udall is one of several Democratic senators at risk of losing their seat this November, putting Senate control within Republican reach for the first time during Obama's presidency. Losing control of the Senate would be devastating to Obama's chances of passing any major legislation in his final two years in office, though his prospects may be little better if Democrats hang on to the Senate and Republicans maintain their majority in the House.

While Obama has called keeping the Senate one of his top priorities, he is limited in how much direct involvement he can have in helping the most at-risk members of his party. Like Udall, most are from states that can swing to Democrats or Republicans or conservative-leaning states like Louisiana, Arkansas and North Carolina, where close ties with the president may be more of a hindrance than a help.

So far, the vulnerable Senate Democrats has put some distance between Obama and their campaigns. But with Wednesday's fundraiser, Udall is breaking the ice, albeit tepidly.

Tickets to the lunch cost up to \$15,000 per couple, with the money split between Udall's campaign and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. While Obama has attended numerous events for the DSCC, Wednesday's event marks the first time he has appeared directly on behalf of an endangered Democrat.

Some reporters will be in the room for Obama's remarks, but no cameras are allowed and the journalists will be kicked out during the president's question-and-answer session with donors. The arrangement is typical of most of Obama's smaller sessions with donors. □

US Financial Front:

American companies post most jobs in 7 years in May

C. S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers advertised more jobs in May than in any month in the past seven years, a sign that this year's strong hiring trend is likely to continue.

More Americans also quit their jobs, a good sign because it usually occurs when workers find new and higher-paying jobs. It also opens up more positions for those out of work.

Employers posted 4.64 million jobs, a 3.8 percent increase from April's total of 4.46 million, the Labor Department said Tuesday. That's the fourth straight strong gain and is the highest number since June 2007.

The figures come after last week's healthy jobs report and underscore this year's steady improvement in hiring. Employers added a net total of 288,000 jobs in June, the government said

last week, the fifth straight month of gains above 200,000. That's the first such stretch in 15 years. The unemployment rate fell to a five-year low of 6.1 percent.

Tuesday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, offers a more complete picture of the job market. It reports figures for overall hiring, as well as the number of quits and layoffs. The monthly jobs figures are a net total of job gains or losses.

Some details of the report weren't as encouraging. Employers have been slow to fill their open jobs, which suggests they are having trouble finding workers with the right skills.

Total hiring actually slipped in May, to 4.72 million from 4.77 million in the previous month.

But the number of people quitting their jobs rose 60,000 to 2.5 million, the highest level since June



Desirae Gooch, left, fills out an application for a nurse's assistant job, alongside other job seekers filling out applications at the Cleveland Career Fair in Independence, Ohio. The Labor Department issued its May report on job openings and labor turnover on Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

2008. More quits indicate workers are confident about their job prospects. Federal Reserve chair Ja-

net Yellen has said she is tracking the overall hiring and quits figures as indicators of the job market's

health and dynamism.

Both quits and hiring remain below their pre-recession levels, evidence that the job market isn't yet back to full health.

In the past year, job openings have increased nearly 20 percent. But total hiring has risen just 4 percent.

Some economists say that is a sign that many of those out of work don't have the skills needed for the available jobs. Former construction workers or factory employees, for example, may not be able to fill new jobs in health care or other growing fields.

Others argue that companies will have to offer higher pay to attract the workers they need. □

US consumer borrowing rises at slow pace in May

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers increased their borrowing at a slower pace in May compared to the prior month.

Overall credit rose by \$19.6 billion in May, down from a gain of \$26.1 billion in April, the Federal Reserve said Tuesday. The relatively modest increase should help to feed slow but steady economic growth, because consumers rely on debt to pay tuition, buy cars and shop.

Total outstanding consumer debt is now approaching \$3.2 trillion.

Auto and student loans drove much of the gains in May. They increased by a combined \$17.8 billion. That marks a year-over-year rise of 9.3 percent.

Credit card debt rose by a slight \$1.8 billion in May, after having surged in April. The increase in credit card debt over the past year has been 2.5 percent.

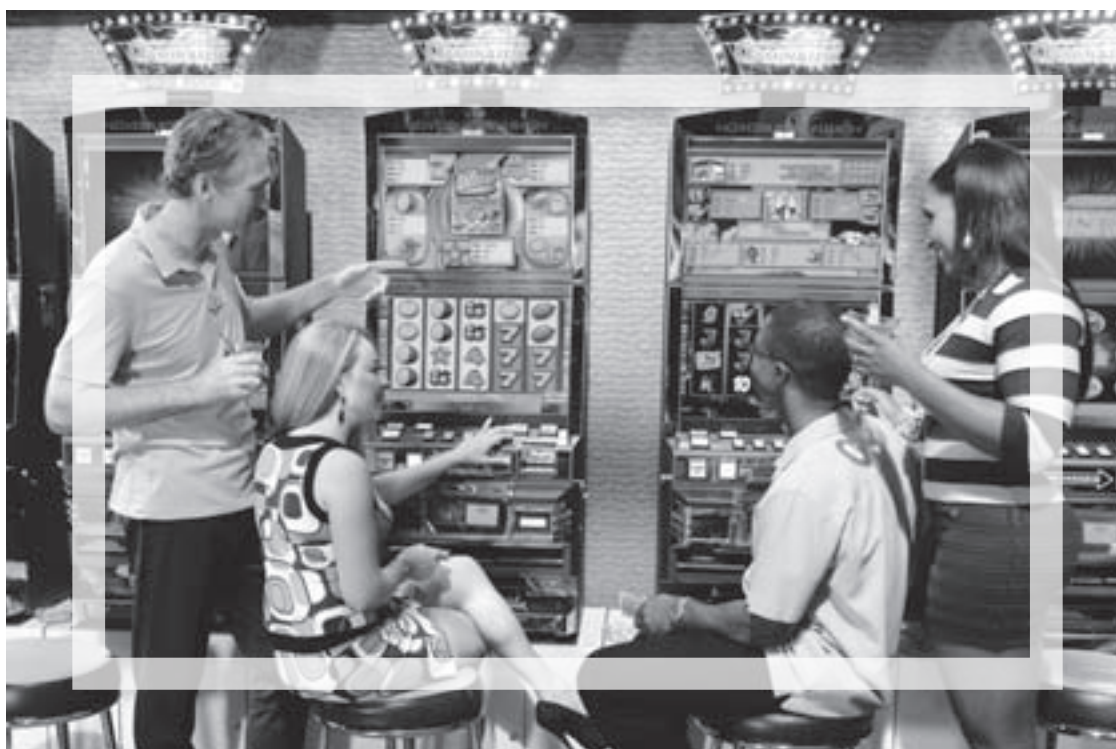
Increased borrowing usually suggests that people are more confident about their prospects and willing to take on debt.

That, in turn, can help drive consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

Credit card debt plummeted during the recession. An average household had \$8,740 in credit card debt when the downturn started at the end of 2007, according to an analysis of Fed figures by the financial data firm NerdWallet.

That figure steadily dropped through the middle of 2011, but recently plateaued around \$7,100 because people are still hesitant to take on additional high-interest debt.

Student loan debt has been the biggest driver of consumer borrowing since the recession ended in June 2009, according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. □



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Soda tax's last stand? Bay Area preps for showdown

CANDICE CHOI

AP Food Industry Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — If two of the most progressive U.S. cities don't pass a tax on sugary drinks, will the idea finally fizzle out?

Sugary drinks have been under fire for years, with many blaming them for rising rates of obesity and chronic diseases. Yet efforts to curb consumption by imposing taxes and other measures have failed, in part because the beverage industry has spent millions to defeat the efforts.

Now, the question of whether a bottle of Dr Pepper with 64 grams of sugar should be treated like a pack of cigarettes is being considered in San Francisco and Berkeley, with the two California cities aiming to become the country's first to pass per-ounce taxes on sugary drinks.

The stakes are high, especially given the Bay Area's reputation for liberal politics. If approved, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo and other com-



A man holds a soda bottle as he walks under a sign opposed to taxes on sugary drinks posted in the window of Casa Thai Market in San Francisco. San Francisco and Berkeley are aiming to become the first U.S. cities to pass per-ounce taxes on sugary drinks.
(AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

panies fear it could galvanize health advocates elsewhere. If defeated, the idea of a soda tax could be dead.

"The industry is really motivated to beat us here. If they can beat us in San Francisco and Berkeley, nobody is going to take them on," said Larry Tramutola, the political consultant handling the campaign in support of the tax in Berkeley.

The odds aren't in favor of taxes. Since 2009, about 30 special taxes on sugary drinks have been introduced around the country. Few have gained traction and none have prevailed. Chris Gindlesperger, a spokesman for the American Beverage Association, the lobbying group for Coke and Pepsi, says the failures show people don't support the idea.

Others say the industry uses unfair tactics to defeat measures, such as setting up groups with names like "Citizens Against Beverage Taxes," which sound like

they are community-driven but aren't. They are nevertheless influential in shaping people's attitudes.

In San Francisco and Berkeley, supporters of the tax say they're better organized to battle such tactics. They're hitting the streets to educate voters and plan to run TV ads, work phone banks and mail fliers.

"In other places, bless their hearts, but they were ill-prepared for what was coming at them" said Maggie Muir, a consultant who was hired by San Francisco lawmakers to lead the political committee in support of the soda tax.

The San Francisco proposal is for a two-cent-per-ounce tax on sugary drinks and would not apply to milk or natural fruit juices without any added sugars. It needs a two-thirds vote to pass in the November election.

The tax in Berkeley is for a penny per ounce and needs a simple majority of the vote.

It's a high bar either way. Just two years ago, similar measures were soundly defeated in other California cities. Part of the reason is that even some who think drinking sugary drinks can be harmful don't believe taxing is the solution.

Barbara Cassidy, 50, fears a soda tax could lead to similar taxes on other foods.

"It's a slippery slope," said Cassidy, a lifelong San Francisco resident.

Overall, Americans have been cutting back on soda for years, with sales volume down about 13 percent over the past decade, according to the industry tracker Beverage Digest. But other sugary beverages with healthier images have climbed; sports drinks, for instance, are up about 35 percent. Taxing a product to discourage use has proven effective with cigarettes. According to the American Cancer Society, there's a 4 percent decline in overall smoking rates for every 10 percent hike in cost. Still, at least one study has questioned how effective a tax on sugary drinks could be since people might just spend their money on other high-calorie foods. □

Legal marijuana goes on sale in Washington

GENE JOHNSON

Associated Press

BELLINGHAM, Washington

(AP) — Washington became the second state Tuesday to allow people to buy marijuana legally in the U.S. without a doctor's note.

People bought pot at 8 a.m. at Bellingham's Top Shelf Cannabis, one of two stores in the city north of Seattle that started selling marijuana as soon as it was allowed under state regulations.

The start of legal pot sales in Washington Tuesday marks a major step that's been 20 months in the making. Washington and Colorado stunned much of America by voting in November 2012 to legalize marijuana for adults over 21, and to create state-licensed systems for growing, selling and taxing the pot. Sales began in Colorado on Jan. 1.

Washington issued its first 24 retail licenses Monday, though not all businesses planned to start selling weed on Tuesday. It's

been a bit of a bumpy ride in Washington state, with product shortages expected as growers and sellers scramble to get ready. Pot prices were expected to reach \$25 a gram or

largely due to the short supply of legally produced pot in the state. Although more than 2,600 people applied to become licensed growers, fewer than 100 have been approved — and

juana system, making for a smoother transition when it allowed those dispensaries to start selling to recreational pot shops on Jan. 1.

Washington's medical system is unregulated, so officials here were starting from scratch as they immersed themselves in the pot world and tried to come up with regulations that made sense for the industry and the public. The regulations include protocols for testing marijuana, what types of edibles should be allowed, requirements for child-resistant packaging, how much criminal history is too much to get a license, and what types of security systems pot shops and growers should have.

Washington state law allows the sale of up to an ounce (28 grams) of dried marijuana, 16 ounces (453 grams) of pot-infused solids, 72 ounces (2,040 grams) of pot-infused liquids or 7 grams of concentrated marijuana, like hashish, to adults over 21. □



Julian Rodriguez, right, of Everson, Wash., holds his two-gram packet of recreational marijuana outside Top Shelf Cannabis, Tuesday, July 8, 2014, in Bellingham, Wash., on the first day of legal sales. At left is Tom Beckley, the owner of the store.

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higher on the first day of sales — twice what people pay in the state's unregulated medical marijuana dispensaries. That was

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Israeli military masses troops along Gaza border



Israeli soldiers wave from a tank moving into position on the Israel-Gaza Border, Tuesday, July 8, 2014. The Israeli military launched a major offensive in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Tuesday, striking more than 100 sites and mobilizing troops for a possible ground invasion in what Israel says is an operation aimed at stopping a heavy barrage of rocket attacks from the Palestinian territory. (AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel launched its largest offensive in the Gaza Strip in nearly two years, carrying

out a blistering aerial assault Tuesday on scores of targets and killing 19 people in what officials called an open-ended operation aimed at ending weeks of heavy rocket fire. As Gaza

militants unleashed salvos on Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel mobilized forces along the border for a possible ground invasion. The offensive set off the heaviest fighting between

Israel and the Islamic militant group Hamas since an eight-day battle in November 2012. The militants fired about 160 rockets at Israel, including two intercepted over Tel Aviv, while Israel said it attacked more than 150 sites across Gaza. Palestinian medics reported at least 19 dead, including six killed in an airstrike that flattened an apartment building in southern Gaza and set off widespread panic. In a nationally televised statement, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said continued rocket attacks on Israeli communities would not be tolerated. "Therefore I have ordered the military to significantly broaden its operation against Hamas terrorists and against the other ter-

rorist groups inside Gaza," he said. "I call on you to display patience because this operation could take time."

Israel and Hamas are bitter enemies that have engaged in numerous rounds of fighting over the years. But until recently, they had been observing a truce that ended the previous hostilities in 2012.

Tensions have been rising since Palestinian militants kidnapped three Israeli teenagers in the West Bank on June 12. Accusing Hamas of being behind the abductions, Israel launched a crackdown on the group's members in the West Bank and arrested hundreds of people. Hamas, which controls Gaza, responded by stepping up rocket fire. □

Iraqi parliament to meet early next week

QASSIM ZAHRA
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BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's parliament Tuesday officially rescheduled its next session for early next week after criticism over initial plans for a five-week break, amid pressure for political leaders to agree on a new government that can confront militants who have overrun much of the country's north and west. Acting parliament speaker Mahdi al-Hafidh said in a statement that after considering the "national interests," the next session will be on Sunday instead of Aug. 12. He warned that any delay in forming a new government "will jeopardize Iraq's security and de-

mocracy and will increase the suffering of Iraqis." He also called on all political rivals to "shoulder their responsibilities and set aside their differences to fight terrorism to put Iraq back on the path of democracy." Al-Hafidh's statement made official what he had said late Monday was a "preliminary agreement" among political leaders to skip the long break and move the next session up to Sunday. Lawmakers are under pressure to quickly form a new government that can unite the country and roll back the insurgents. The legislature held its first session since April elections last week, but failed to agree on a new

speaker, president and prime minister. Despite the decision to meet Sunday instead of next month, it still appears unlikely that political leaders will be able to bridge their differences in time to settle on names for the top leadership posts — particularly the prime minister, with incumbent Nouri al-Maliki resisting a campaign to replace him. Al-Maliki's State of Law bloc won the largest share of seats in April's election, securing 92 out of parliament's 328 seats. But he is far short of the majority needed to govern, which means he needs allies to cobble together a coalition government. □



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Ukraine takes aggressive stance toward separatists

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Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) —

Ukraine's government took an increasingly aggressive stance Tuesday toward the pro-Russia separatists, vowing to expunge them from their reduced area of control and imposing new conditions before peace talks can restart.

But as the military moves to encircle the rebel-held territory in eastern Ukraine, the government also said it would stop using the air and artillery strikes that drove the rebels from other towns so as to avoid terrorizing civilians.

Ukraine has displayed growing confidence in recent days after driving the insurgents from Slovyansk, a city that had been the heart of the armed resistance since mid-April. Security officials said Tuesday the area held by the rebels has now been reduced by half. This apparent rout has forced hundreds of militants to regroup in Donetsk, the regional capital, where they occupy government buildings and move freely around the city.

Andrei Purgin, deputy prime minister of the self-proclaimed independent Donetsk People's Republic, said the rebels have an estimated 15,000 fighters and are focusing their efforts on defending Donetsk, a major industrial hub of 1 million.

"We are creating one DPR fist that is ready to fight and repel the Ukrainian army," Purgin told The Associated Press. He said his forces control all of Donetsk, where the normally busy streets were largely vacant but for groups of automatic rifle-toting rebels on patrol.

"After Slovyansk we are

gathering strength and resting. In Donetsk, we feel at home, and a home must be defended and protected," said one 27-year-old rebel fighter, who gave his name only as Dmitry for fear of retaliation. He was patrolling a central district

openly taking sides in the conflict, said he was assured by Ukraine's president that the military will not launch air and artillery strikes on the city.

Those strikes had hit Slovyansk and other rebel-held towns to vocal criticism

National Security Council spokesman Andrei Lysenko said Tuesday that plans were being drawn up to recapture Donetsk, as well as another insurgent-held city, Luhansk, without the use of artillery or aviation. He said Monday that the military would create cordons around the two cities to try to cut off rebel supply lines.

In Luhansk, an apartment building and a business center were shelled on Tuesday, but no injuries were reported. The circumstances of the shelling were not immediately clear.

In Donetsk, tension was high among residents who watched with dismay as Slovyansk, about 110 kilometers (65 miles) to the north, fell in an increasingly ugly standoff.

"I plan to leave the city as soon as possible," said Yekaterina Kachan, 47, who said the restaurant where she works was robbed by militia fighters. "They have turned us all into hostages, but I have no intention of digging graves for separatists under the muzzle of a rifle."

Rebels in Ukraine and nationalists in Russia have called for the Kremlin to protect the insurgents, but Russian President Vladimir Putin has so far made no comment on their defeat in Slovyansk.

Putin may be wary of more sanctions being imposed by the West, which slapped visa bans and asset freezes on Russian officials and members of Putin's inner circle after Russia annexed the Black Sea region of Crimea in March. Kiev has accused Russia of lending direct support to the insurgents, something which Moscow denies.

Purgin admitted to feeling disappointed by Russia. □



In this photo taken on Sunday, July 6, 2014, Ukrainian soldiers search suspected citizens of Slovyansk, eastern Ukraine. After Ukrainian forces' seizure of a key rebel stronghold in the east, the major cities of Donetsk and Luhansk could be the next focus of major fighting. Three bridges on roads leading to Donetsk were blown up Monday — possibly to hinder military movements, though the rebels claim it was the work of pro-Kiev saboteurs.

(AP Photo)

along with seven other militia members.

A major asset still under government control is the Donetsk Airport, the scene of a bloody clash in May that claimed the lives of dozens of insurgents. Purgin vowed that the rebels would soon take "all assets of interest, including the airport."

Donetsk Mayor Alexander Lukyanchenko, who has cautiously refrained from

from Russia, which accused the central government in Kiev of indiscriminately killing civilians.

More than 400 people have died and tens of thousands have fled their homes during the nearly three-monthlong standoff between the rebels and the new government in Kiev, which came to power after the previous Russia-friendly president was ousted in February.

EU united front on Russia falling amid gas needs

**GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press**

VIENNA (AP) — A clutch of countries is breaking ranks with the EU's efforts to put economic and diplomatic pressure on Russia over Ukraine and building a pipeline meant to carry huge amounts of Russian gas to their doorstep.

Their defiance of a European Union stop work order is more significant than just another missed chance for Europe to call out the Kremlin. Russian natural gas already accounts for around a third of the EU's needs. The South Stream pipeline could increase Russian supplies to Europe by another 25 percent, potentially boosting Moscow's leverage long after the Ukraine crisis fades.

Adding to the skein of Russian pipelines already ending in Europe, South Stream would go through Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Slovenia, Austria and Italy in one leg and Croatia, Macedonia, Greece and Turkey in a second. The European Commission, the EU executive, has ordered a construction moratorium over concerns with Russia's dual role as pipeline owner and gas supplier. It has also delayed some political talks on the pipeline amid the crisis in Ukraine.

"Developments in Ukraine and Russia have demonstrated that the EU's priority is to diversify its energy sources," says spokeswoman Sabine Berger of the EU Energy Commissioner's office.

But Austria, Hungary, and Serbia — the first two EU members, the third a candidate to join — have said they will build their sections of the project and others may follow. □



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Afghanistan:

Abdullah Abdullah stops short of declaring a government

AZAM AHMED

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KABUL, Afghanistan - After hours of pitched political drama that sent President Barack Obama and other officials scrambling to calm a surge of Afghan factional hostility, the presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah walked a perilous line Tuesday, threatening to declare his own government even while urging his frenzied supporters to give him time to negotiate. Just a day before, the Afghan Independent Election Commission released preliminary results that showed Abdullah, who led in the first round, more than a million votes behind his rival, Ashraf Ghani

Ahmadzai. U.S. officials including the senior envoy to Afghanistan, James F. Dobbins, had urged the panel not to announce the tally before conducting a wide-spread audit, Dobbins said in a statement. Overnight, supporters from both political camps demonstrated in the streets, hailing their candidates as the legitimate president despite the caution of election officials that the results were not final. Several powerful allies of Abdullah have publicly called for him to form a breakaway regime, incensed that the government would release results they say have been engineered by Ahmadzai, the election commission



Supporters of Abdullah Abdullah tear down a picture of outgoing President Hamid Karzai in Kabul, Afghanistan, July 8, 2014. Contesting preliminary results that show him trailing Ashraf Ghani in a presidential election, Abdullah threatened to declare his own government and supporters from both camps demonstrated in the streets.

(Diego Ibarra Sanchez/The New York Times)

and President Hamid Karzai. But Abdullah stopped just short of taking that ac-

tion Tuesday. Instead, he asked his supporters gathered in Kabul for more time to decide the right course of action, citing the urging of Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry, who is coming to Afghanistan on Friday in response to the crisis.

"The people of Afghanistan have been asking us to announce our government today and we can't disregard this right," Abdullah said. "I am not going to betray you, just give me time to defend justice, freedom, the rule of law, and the people's right. Give me time."

Lurking beneath the surface is a growing fear that long simmering ethnic tensions could erupt into violence if the crisis is not resolved.

Defense rests case in Pistorius murder trial

ALAN COWELL

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LONDON - Before the High Court in Pretoria, the South African capital, Oscar Pistorius has been depicted variously as anguished and remorseful, egotistic, enamored of guns and filled with rage that propelled him to kill his girlfriend last year. But on Tuesday, his stop-start murder trial - televised around the world and one of the most sensational since the O.J. Simpson hearings - took a decisive step closer to the moment when Judge Thokozile Matilda Masipa will offer her judgment on which portrayal of Pistorius, a double-amputee track star, she believes is real. On the 39th day of hearings since the trial, which was supposed to last only three weeks, opened in March, defense lawyers

rested their case and the hearings adjourned to permit both sides to prepare their written arguments before they return to court on Aug. 7 and 8 to make their final oral arguments. A verdict could be in before the end of August, according to reporters in the courtroom who have tweeted every minute detail of the case. But even as the trial nudged toward its closing stages after testimony from almost 40 witnesses, Pistorius, 27, was again depicted as a man of contradictions, torn between supreme achievement on the track and a profound sense of private vulnerability away from it. "Although he loathes to be pitied in any way," Professor Wayne Derman, a leading South African sports physician, said of Pistorius, "the hard truth is that he does not have lower legs."

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Route of proposed Nicaraguan canal unveiled

LUIS GALEANO
Associated Press
MANAGUA, Nicaragua

(AP) — Nicaragua's government and Hong Kong-based HKND Group this week unveiled the route of a proposed \$40 billion inter-ocean canal to compete with the Panama Canal that Sandinista officials hope will lift the Central American country out of poverty.

While the canal has the support of President Daniel Ortega and most Nicaraguans, many legal experts charge that the deal violates the country's national sovereignty.

Environmental experts warn that construction could cause profound ecological damage by damming rivers, splitting ecosystems and moving untold tons of earth.

Others fear the project is not economically feasible. Representatives of HKND, which is owned by Chinese businessman Wang Jing, said Monday that the canal will stretch 173 miles (278 kilometers), 65 miles (105 kilometers) of which are across Lake Nicaragua.

Junsong Dong, chief of engineers for HKND, said that after studying six possible routes for the mega-proj-

ect they decided on one that starts on the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of river Brito, heads south through the city of Rivas and crosses

show to continue generating false hopes of future prosperity among Nicaraguans." But HKND officials said the canal project will employ

will require it, we are sure of this," Wang told students at the Managua University of Engineering. Junsong Dong said the canal project consists of six



President Daniel Ortega, left, and Chinese businessman Wang Jing hold up a concession agreement for the construction of a multibillion-dollar canal at the Casa de los Pueblos in Managua. Nicaragua's government and China's HKND Group unveiled the route of a proposed inter-ocean canal to compete with the Panama Canal this week.

(AP Photo/Esteban Felix)

Lake Nicaragua. From Lake Nicaragua, it goes by the Tule and Punta Gordas rivers until it reaches the southern Caribbean by Bluefields Bay.

Opposition liberal deputy Eliseo Nunez called the announcement "a propaganda game, a media

about 50,000 people directly and indirectly benefit another 200,000.

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sub-projects, including the channel itself, construction of two deep-water ports, a free-trade area, tourism projects in San Lorenzo and an airport in the city of Rivas.

Construction is expected to begin in December 2014 and take five years.

Troubled Puerto Rico utility delays debt payments

DANICA COTO
Associated Press
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— The financially troubled power company in Puerto Rico said Monday that it reached an agreement with lenders to delay payments on its lines of credit, giving it some breathing room as it seeks to avoid a default that spooked bond markets. Under the agreement, the publicly owned Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority says it may delay payments through July 31 while it continues talks with lenders and looks for a longer term solution to problems that include deep debt and an overreliance on expensive fuel and out-of-date infrastructure.

"While PREPA faces certain financial challenges today, we are working hard to improve operations," Executive Director Juan Alicia Flores said, referring to the utility by its acronym in Spanish.

The utility has lines of credit totaling about \$800 million with Citibank and Scotiabank and about \$9 billion in outstanding debt, largely a result of years of borrowing to close deficits and meet expenses.

PREPA, along with the publicly owned water utility and the highway and transportation agency, gained the ability to restructure debt in a process similar to bankruptcy under legislation approved in June by the government of the U.S. island territory. The law, which is being challenged in court, spooked investors and prompted downgrades of Puerto Rico debt.

Death toll in Mexico, Guatemala quake rises to 5

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico (AP) — The death toll in from a magnitude-6.9 earthquake near Mexico's border with Guatemala has risen to five, with authorities confirming two more deaths in Mexico.

The director of civil defense for the Mexican border state of Chiapas says a total of four people there were killed by falling pieces of roofs or walls.

Luis Manuel Garcia Moreno

said Tuesday that about 9,000 homes in Chiapas were damaged.

In neighboring Guatemala, President Otto Perez Molina said a baby died when parts of the ceiling collapsed on the newborn

in the San Marco medical center. Perez Molina said 33 people were injured in Guatemala.

The quake occurred early Monday on Mexico's Pacific coast near the Guatemala border.



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The event program meticulously compiled and executed by the Execu-



tive Assistant Manager Lourdes Geerman included the singing of the GM Challenge theme song by Rebecca Santos Do Nascimento, and the performance of Old Brass Selection, a live steel band. IBISA, the island's sport authority helped launch the com-

minutes.

The challenge format in which each male participant runs 4K in a team-of-two relay, and each female participant runs 2K in a team-of-two relay matched associates with different levels of condition and created an opportunity for true collaboration and mutual support.

At the end of the race the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa family members and friends joined the run-



ners in watching the Netherlands Vs Costa Rica FIFA World Cup 2014 game, under a tent, on a giant plasma screen, over refreshments and snacks. The much-enjoyed after-

noon culminated with fireworks over the ruins with General Manager Mark Frances promising a repeated event in a few months, in a different but equally rewarding set up.

Among top male finalists Manuel Reyes and Orvin Croes, in second place, and Sandrick Tromp and Steve Lacle, in third. Among top women finalists Brigitte Hernandez and Marilu Erasmus, in second place, and Norma Lacle and Elizabeth Cordoba, in third.

Mark Frances also thanked the GM Challenge Committee members, Margarita, Marina, Melissa, Mina, Marvinia and Lourdes for their incredible dedication and hard work. □



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Cup 2014, which is approaching its very end, after whittling itself from 32 teams to 16, then 8, with only four teams in the quarter-finals who will fight it out to reach the final which is to be played at the Estadio Maracana in Rio de Janeiro. That game and the ones preceding it will be watched at the Amazonia lounge by local and visiting soccer fans. Pictured here last weekend games of Brazil Vs Colombia and the Netherlands Vs Costa Rica which attracted great crowds to the lounge. □



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John Isner of U.S. celebrates a point against Feliciano Lopez of Spain during their men's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Monday, June 30, 2014.

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Top-seeded Isner advances on grass at Newport

KEN POWTAK

Associated Press

NEWPORT, Rhode Island (AP)

— John Isner rode his fierce serve to another victory on Newport's grass courts, defeating fellow American Wayne Odesnik 6-3, 7-6 (6) to reach the second round of the Hall of Fame Championships on Tuesday.

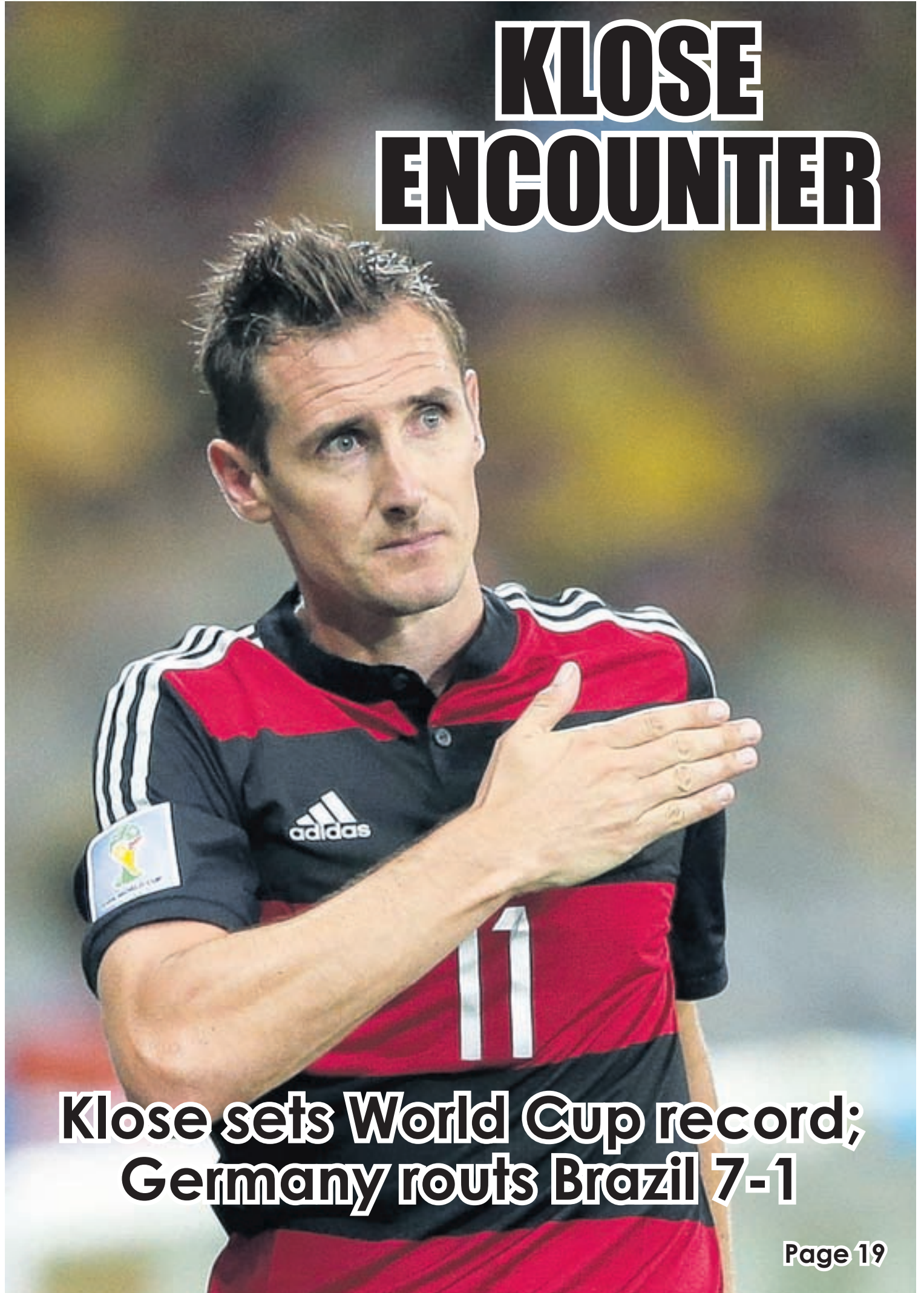
Isner had 19 aces — with one serve topping 137 mph (221 kph) — and only two double-faults in raising his career record at Newport to 14-3.

"I'm glad that I'm here and hopefully I can keep it going," he said. "I've had good memories here in the past." Isner's serves were so overpowering that a handful of them bounced into the seats. At one point in the opening set, Odesnik looked at a fan seated in the first row and said, "I need to borrow your seat to return his serve."

But for all his strong play on the court, Isner seemed more excited about what awaited in a few hours — he was to throw the ceremonial first pitch at a Boston Red Sox game at Fenway Park.

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KLOSE ENCOUNTER



Klose sets World Cup record; Germany routs Brazil 7-1

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Germany's Miroslav Klose gestures as he is substituted during the World Cup semifinal soccer match between Brazil and Germany at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

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Phelps, Lochte set to compete in Georgia meet

ATHENS, Georgia (AP) — Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte will resume their comebacks during a special meet at the University of Georgia this week.

The Bulldog Grand Slam will feature some of the top teams in the country, including Phelps' North Baltimore Aquatic Club and Lochte's SwimMAC Carolina team based in Charlotte.

Phelps, who has captured a record 18 Olympic gold medals in his career, will be competing for the fourth time since coming out of retirement. Lochte is set to return to racing after having complications with his surgically repaired left knee.

The meet, hosted by the Athens Bulldog Swim Club at Gabrielsen Natatorium, was hastily arranged in the past few months to give the top U.S. swimmers a chance to take part in another event this summer before the two more important competitions of the year. The national



In this April 24, 2014 file photo, Michael Phelps, right, and Ryan Lochte pose for a photo after competing in the 100-meter butterfly final during the Arena Grand Prix swim meet in Mesa, Ariz. Associated Press

championships will be held in Irvine, California, from Aug. 6-10, followed two weeks later by the Pan Pa-

cific Championships in Australia. Those meets will determine the U.S. team for next

year's world championships in Russia. Phelps is scheduled to compete in the 100-me-

ter butterfly Friday, the 100 backstroke Saturday, and the 100 freestyle Sunday. Lochte has entered the same three events, as well as four other races. But it is doubtful the 11-time Olympic medalist will compete in them all coming off knee surgery late last year, especially after his initial comeback was derailed by pain and swelling.

Lochte was injured in November when an exuberant teenage fan ran at him. The swimmer tried to catch her, the two fell over and Lochte hit his left knee on a curb, tearing one ligament and spraining another.

He returned in April for an Arizona meet, but pushed himself a little too hard and had to sit out the final two Grand Prix meets of the season.

The Athens meet will be an important test of how well Lochte's knee holds up, especially if he does the breaststroke. He has entered the 200 individual medley, which includes the breast.

Phelps retired after the 2012 London Olympics, but returned to training last year. He has been steadily building his endurance through competitions and a grueling training session in the Colorado mountains. Two weeks ago at a Grand Prix meet in Santa Clara, he tied for first in the 100 fly, finished second in the 100 free and 200 free, and settled for third in the 200 IM.

Phelps and Lochte won't be the only big names at the four-day meet in Athens, which begins Thursday. The field also includes Olympic gold medalists Allison Schmitt, Tyler Clary, Cullen Jones, Yannick Agnel of France and Ous Mellouli of Tunisia. □

Newport

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"Let's talk about Fenway," he said, opening his news conference. "It's going to be awesome. I have never been to Fenway. My initial thought was I wanted to go to the game and get off the court. Then I hear the good news. I love baseball. I'm going to enjoy that moment. Hope I throw a strike."

Defending champion Nicolas Mahut of France, the No. 4 seed, defeated Facundo Arguello of Argentina 7-6 (1), 6-4.

"I feel like almost home," he said. "I have my habits. I go to the same restau-



Lleyton Hewitt of Australia kicks up the chalk lines and dust from the court as he play against Jerzy Janowicz of Poland during their men's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Friday, June 27, 2014. Associated Press

rant. Every year I'm waiting for this tournament."

In the match of the day, No. 3 seed Hewitt of Aus-

tralia advanced to the second round by rallying past American Ryan Harrison, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4. Seventh-seeded Jack Sock beat fellow American Alex Kuznetsov, 6-4, 6-3.

In other first-round matches, eighth-seeded Adrian Mannarino of France beat Jimmy Wang of Taiwan 6-2, 6-4; qualifier Austin Krajicek stopped fellow American Tim Smyczek, 7-6 (7), 6-1; Peter Polansky of Canada ousted Luke Saville of Australia 6-4, 6-2; Sergiy Stakhovsky of Ukraine defeated Farukh Dustov of Uzbekistan 6-3, 6-2; and qualifier Ante Pavic of Croatia downed Marius Copil of Romania 7-6 (0), 6-4. □

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**WORLD CUP
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Germany routs Brazil 7-1, reaches World Cup final

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil (AP) —

With Neymar out injured, just about everyone in Brazil knew it would be tough against Germany. Nobody ever expected this.

The Germans tore apart Brazil's porous defense time and time again Tuesday, routing the hosts 7-1 in the World Cup semifinals, the largest margin of defeat at this stage in the history of the tournament.

"We wanted to make the people happy ... unfortunately we couldn't," said Brazil defender David Luiz, who had scored in each of the last two matches. "We apologize to all Brazilians."

The astounding scoreline is sure to overshadow Miroslav Klose's record-setting 16th career World Cup goal. The strike pushed Klose past Brazil great Ronaldo, who was at the Mineirao Stadium on Tuesday as the Germans advanced to their eighth World Cup final.

Germany will face either Argentina or the Netherlands on Sunday at the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro with a chance to win for the fourth time.

Brazil was playing without Neymar, the team's key player and the poster boy for the World Cup. He scored four goals in the group stage, but Brazil's attack seemed to get weaker and weaker as the tournament progressed. The Barcelona striker was ruled out of the tournament with a broken vertebra after getting kneed in the back in the quarterfinal win over Colombia, weakening the sputtering attack even more.

With Neymar sidelined and captain Thiago Silva suspended, the collec-



Germany's Miroslav Klose, second left, scores his side's second goal past Brazil's goalkeeper Julio Cesar during the World Cup semifinal soccer match between Brazil and Germany at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

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tive hopes of a nation remained high even if expectations were lowered.

The atmosphere at the start of the match was spine-tingling, but the euphoria of the yellow-shirted thousands soon turned to tears as the Germans scored five goals in the first 30 minutes — four of them in a seven-minute span.

"It was very important to stay calm, cool and courageous in facing Brazilian passion," Germany coach Joachim Loew said.

The loss matched Brazil's most-lopsided defeat ever, and it's the first time the team has lost in an official competitive match on home soil since 1975, when Peru won 3-1 at the very same stadium in the Copa America. Its last loss at home came in a friendly with Paraguay in 2002.

Previously, Brazil's biggest World Cup loss was 3-0 to

France in the 1998 final. In the 1920 the South American championship, the predecessor of the Copa America, Brazil lost 6-0 to Uruguay.

"The responsibility for this catastrophic result is mine," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said. "I was in charge." It was Germany's biggest World Cup win since routing Saudi Arabia 8-0 in a group match in 2002.

On Tuesday, with Bernard playing as the third striker in the place of Neymar, Brazil attacked from the start. But they failed to get any solid chances, and it wasn't long before the Germans opened up the defense and started the rout.

Toni Kroos and Andre Schuerle scored two goals each, while Thomas Mueller and Sami Khedira added the others.

Oscar pulled a late goal back for Brazil.

"Brazil was shocked after the goals, they did not expect that. They did not know what to do," Loew said. "Their defense was not organized. A little humbleness would not hurt now." Klose scored his record goal in the 23rd minute to make it 2-0. The German had his original shot saved, but he followed up as Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar spilled the ball, easily scoring from the rebound.

Kroos scored his first goal in the 25th minute, knocking in a cross from Philipp Lahm that bypassed Mueller in the middle. He made it 4-0 a minute later, beating Cesar after a defensive mistake from Fernandinho left the ball on the feet of Khedira.

Mueller scored the first goal, one-timing a corner from Kroos past Cesar in the 11th minute. Khedira made it 5-0 in the 29th, tak-

ing a pass from Mesut Ozil and again beating Cesar.

"Today 10 minutes went wrong in the game and Germany did really well," Scolari said. "It's a chaotic and terrible defeat ... but we have to learn from it."

Schuerle, who came on for Klose in the 58th minute, scored from a cross by Lahm in the 69th, and then knocked a shot off the underside of the crossbar and into the net in the 79th.

It's the first time Brazil had allowed five goals in a World Cup match since the 1938 tournament in France, when the team beat Poland 6-5 in extra time.

In previous World Cup semifinal matches, the largest margin of defeat was five goals, occurring on three occasions.

"The German quality is very, very high," Scolari said. "This is not normal." □

Kittel wins 4th Tour stage as Froome takes a spill

JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

LILLE, France (AP) — Marcel Kittel sprinted to his third stage victory at the Tour de France on Tuesday, while defending champion Chris Froome had a scare in a crash that scuffed up his left side and wrist before a tough day ahead on cobblestones.

Astana team leader Vincenzo Nibali of Italy, who kept the yellow jersey, decried a "crazy race" in the 163.5-kilometer (101-mile) Stage 4 along the Belgian border as cycling's big event entered France after a wildly popular three-day start in England.

Unlike his wins in Stages 1 and 3, when he made victory look easy, Kittel eked out victory by a half-wheel length at the end of the ride from Le Touquet-Paris Plage to Lille Metropole.

Kittel, of the Giant-Shimano team, didn't celebrate this time but panted and, instead, it was runner-up Alexander Kristoff of Norway who swatted the air in frustration after being pipped at the line by the barreling German. French rider Arnaud Demare was third.

After a difficult day because of crosswinds and jumpy nerves in the peloton, Kittel said of his seventh career Tour stage win, "It's never easy ... (I was) lucky just enough at the



Stage winner Marcel Kittel of Germany celebrates his third victory on the podium of the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 163.5 kilometers (101.6 miles) with start in Le Touquet and finish in Lille, France, Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

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finish line."

Froome, the Team Sky leader, fell early in the stage after a rider bumped another into the Briton's front wheel. He got up, got bandaged, and got back to the pack. Afterward, team boss Dave Brailsford said Froome would undergo X-rays as a precaution.

Slovak star Peter Sagan also went down in a spill, and he too recovered to finish.

"It was a crazy race," said Nibali, describing how his team informed him through his earpiece about Froome's mishap, and went back to see whether he was OK.

Froome responded, "more or less," according to the Italian. Froome went straight into the team bus and didn't speak to reporters after the stage.

He skinned up his left knee, left elbow and hurt his left

wrist in the crash, and was treated by race doctor Florence Pommerie before rejoining the peloton. She told French TV the injuries were mostly superficial and amounted to "essentially a few scratches."

Froome and two-time champ Alberto Contador are among 20 riders who trail Nibali by two seconds. An aching wrist could mean pain ahead for Froome. The peloton rolls over nine

patches of bumpy cobblestones on Wednesday, which could make for a joint-jarring ride and prevent him from keeping his hands on the handlebars. Many race experts believe Wednesday's 155.5 kilometers (97 miles) from Ypres, Belgium, to Arenberg Port du Hainaut, France, could offer the first big shakeout among the contenders because of the treacherous cobblestones. □



Tiger Woods watches his tee shot on the sixth hole during the second round of the Quicken Loans National golf tournament, Friday, June 27, 2014, in Bethesda, Md.

Associated Press

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Ryder Cup captain Tom Watson says Tiger Woods

will be on the U.S. team if he's healthy and playing well.

But what if he's healthy and not playing at all?

Woods' Ryder Cup chances depend on 3 tournaments

Woods is at No. 209 in the FedEx Cup and needs to get to No. 125 to qualify for the playoffs. This next month of three tournaments — the British Open, Bridgestone Invitational and U.S. PGA Championship — ultimately will decide if he's in Gleneagles for the Ryder Cup in the last weekend in September.

"He'll be considered less of a pick then if he didn't have a track record going into the Ryder Cup," Watson said last week. "He'd be the first to tell you, 'I

haven't been playing.' How he's been playing and if he's healthy, those are the two factors that I'll weigh in choosing him. That's just common sense, in my opinion."

Here's a common-sense way to look at the next month:

—If Woods qualifies for the FedEx Cup playoffs, he's on the team. He'll have played good golf to get there.

—Even if he comes close to the playoffs, Watson might consider that reasonable

form to be one of three picks.

—If he doesn't feature in any of the three tournaments, and doesn't come close to making the playoffs, Woods will have two weeks out of golf (unless he chooses to play a Web.com Tour event) before Watson has to make his picks.

"I'll be watching Tiger as he plays," Watson said. "He'll be playing at The Open Championship. Hope to get together with him there and tell him my feelings. □



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Orioles score 6 in 11th to beat Nationals 8-2

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Chris Davis ended a lengthy slump with a tiebreaking homer in the 11th inning, part of a six-run uprising that carried the Baltimore Orioles past the Washington Nationals 8-2 in Major League Baseball on Monday night.

Manny Machado had a career-high five hits, including a homer in the 11th, and Nelson Cruz hit his 28th home run to help the American League East-leading Orioles earn their seventh win in eight games. Anthony Rendon homered for the Nationals, who lost for only the second time in nine games.

After Cruz led off the 11th with a broken-bat single off Craig Stammen (0-4), Davis worked the count full before launching a drive into the center-field seats to end a 2-for-38 funk. J.J. Hardy followed with a solo shot, Nick Markakis chased Stammen with an RBI double and Machado added a two-run drive off Aaron Barrett.

T.J. Macfarland (2-2) worked two scoreless innings for the win.

METS 4, BRAVES 3, 11 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Ruben Tejada singled home the winning run with two outs in the 11th inning after Curtis Granderson hit a tying homer in the eighth as the Mets beat Atlanta.

David Wright went deep early, Travis d'Arnaud had an RBI double and Daisuke Matsuzaka pitched seven shutout innings for the Mets, who have won three of four.

Freddie Freeman had three hits and a walk for the Braves, who have lost two

straight after a nine-game winning streak. Andrelton Simmons singled twice for his sixth straight multi-hit game.

Carlos Torres (4-4) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Juan Lagares doubled off Anthony Varvaro (3-2) with one out in the 11th, and Lucas Duda was intentionally walked before Lagares went to third on d'Arnaud's long fly to center. Tejada lined the next pitch up the middle and tossed his helmet aside after rounding first.

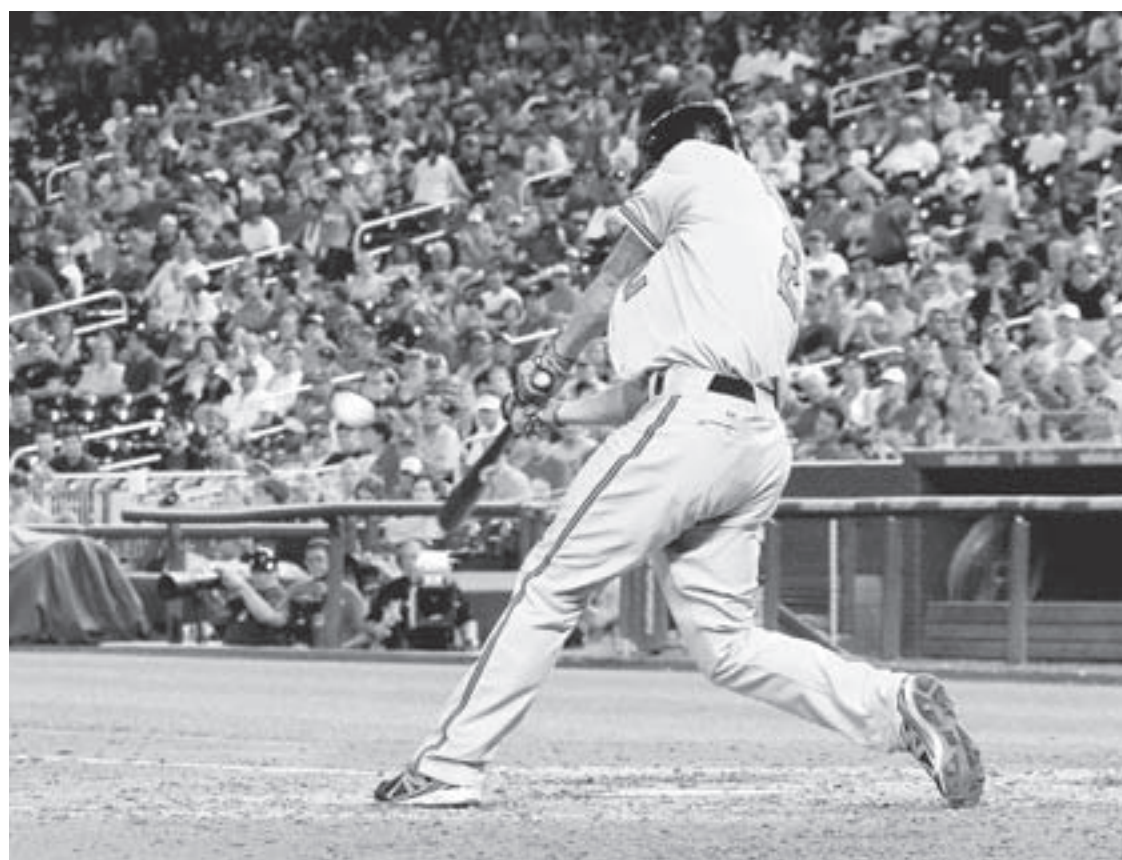
YANKEES 5, INDIANS 3
CLEVELAND (AP) — Shane Greene allowed two runs in six innings for his first MLB win and All-Star Dellin Betances earned his first career save to help New York beat Cleveland.

Greene (1-0) didn't allow a hit until former Yankee Nick Swisher's two-out homer in the fifth. The 25-year-old right-hander was pressed into service after scheduled starter Vidal Nuno was traded to Arizona for right-hander Brandon McCarthy on Sunday. Brett Gardner, Brian McCann and Ichiro Suzuki had three hits apiece for New York.

Justin Masterson (4-6) continued to pitch poorly and was pulled without retiring a batter in the third. Cleveland's opening-day starter allowed five runs and six hits in two-plus innings.

Betances pitched the final two innings, giving closer David Robertson a rest day. REDS 9, CUBS 3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jay Bruce played first base for the first time since high school and committed an error that let in a run, but later homered to help Cincinnati rally for the win



Baltimore Orioles' J.J. Hardy hits a solo home run during the 11th inning of an interleague baseball game against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park, Monday, July 7, 2014, in Washington. The Orioles won 8-2, in 11 innings.

in the opener of a five-game series.

Billy Hamilton drove in a career-high four runs with a single and a bases-loaded triple. The Reds have won 11 of their last 16 games despite getting little production from injured first baseman Joey Votto.

Mike Leake (7-7) gave up a two-run homer by Anthony Rizzo and an unearned run off Bruce's error during seven innings. Leake is 8-2 in his career against Chicago, including 4-0 in his last four starts with a 1.71 ERA.

After Bruce's error let in a run that tied it 1-all in the fifth, he singled and scored on Devin Mesoraco's double off Edwin Jackson (5-9). Bruce hit a two-run homer off left-hander James Russell in the seventh, and Hamilton had his three-run triple in the eighth.

WHITE SOX 4, RED SOX 0
BOSTON (AP) — Scott Carroll pitched 6 2/3 innings of one-hit ball, and Dayan Viciedo hit a three-run homer to lead Chicago. Making the eighth — and best — start of his career, Carroll (3-5) walked two and struck out five while shutting down the defending World Series champions. Adam Dunn hit a solo homer in the second inning and doubled and scored on Viciedo's home run in the fourth.

Clay Buchholz (3-5) allowed four runs on five hits and a walk, and struck out seven in seven innings. The Red Sox have lost six of seven and 12 of 17 to fall into last place in the American League East.

ROYALS 6, RAYS 0
ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Kansas City's James

Shields sparked in his return to Tropicana Field, limiting the Tampa Bay Rays to three hits and striking out 10 over seven innings.

Shields (9-4) spent the first seven seasons of his career with the Rays before being dealt to the Royals in December 2012 as part of a seven-player trade in which Kansas City sent 2013 American League rookie of the year Wil Myers and another top young prospect, Jake Odorizzi (4-8), to Tampa Bay.

Shields allowed singles to Ben Zobrist and James Loney in the first two innings, then worked through a jam in the third after giving up a one-out double to Kevin Kiermaier.

He retired 10 straight, six by strikeout, before hitting Evan Longoria with a pitch leading off the seventh. □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

Swiss cheese has a distinctive appearance; it is riddled with holes. In a late stage of cheese production a bacteria makes the cheese release carbon dioxide gas. This gas slowly forms the bubbles that develop into holes. This is great for the unique taste and look of Swiss cheese, but not so great for bones.

Bones that are porous or full of holes like Swiss cheese are weak and break easily. Bones become porous because they have either lost or are not able to receive or process the materials needed to maintain and rebuild strong bones. Bones are made of protein, minerals, and vitamins. The minerals in bones are: calcium, potassium, manganese, magnesium, silica, iron, zinc, selenium, boron, phosphorus, sulfur, chromium, and dozens of others. We check the condition of bones with a Bone density scanner, also called dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA) or bone densitometry, an enhanced form of x-ray technology used to measure bone loss.

The bone density scan will measure if you have healthy bones according to averages for a person your age, or if your bone mineral density is lower than normal. Slight bone density loss is called osteopenia. If more bone material is lost the condition is called osteoporosis,

which in Greek means "porous bones". In osteoporosis the bone mineral density (BMD) is reduced, bone structure is deteriorating, and the amount and variety of proteins in bone is reduced. Not a good situation.

Osteoporosis itself has no specific symptoms; its main consequence is the increased risk of bone fractures. Osteoporotic fractures are those that occur in situations where healthy people would not normally break a bone; sometimes called fragility fractures. Typical fragility fractures occur in the back bone or spine, ribs, hips and wrist. Medical guidelines recommend all women have a bone density scan at age 65 and men at age 70. If you have high risk factors such as yourself or family members with adult fractures, smoking, or have taken oral steroids for more than 3 months, younger may be recommended. A bone density scan can identify the condition of your bones; however, if you already have osteoporosis having a scan after the fact is like closing the barn doors after the animals have escaped.

Conventional medicine attempts to treat osteoporosis with calcium supplements, Vitamin D, and drugs called bisphosphates. For twenty years I have been telling patients that getting too much calcium from pharmaceutical or natural supplements can cause "free calcium" in your blood.

I consider this a toxic heavy metal. The same goes for calcium from milk products. The countries with the most milk consumption are the same countries that are suffering the most from osteoporosis. The majority of hip fractures occur in Europe and North America, major milk consumers. In The

British Medical Journal, Dr John G F Cleland states "patients with osteoporosis should generally not be treated with calcium supplements, either alone or combined with vitamin D." Instead of pills and milk, try getting a more absorbent form of calcium together with other vital nutrients from the same place as the cow (is supposed to), green vegetables!

My medical protocol, Biocompatible Medicine, treats bone mineral loss differently. First, I begin checking bone mineral loss when possible while patients are still young. Teenage years are a good time to begin checking bones. With a comprehensive blood test, we can determine the amount of minerals being lost. Detecting bone loss early gives us more time to correct the problem.

If the blood test shows bone mineral loss, the second thing we do is look for the cause. Bones are the warehouse for minerals used by the body. Infection, inflammation, insulin resistance, pharmaceutical and street drugs, smoking, toxic heavy metals, insecticides, and many more factors make the blood acidic. Trying to balance this acid environment, the body pulls minerals from the bone "warehouse." Unfortunately the body does not replace those minerals by itself and "Swiss cheese" bones can result.

The third phase of our protocol is to correct the acid environment of the body, by removing toxins and adding mineral rich foods and supplements. The minerals lacking in today's foods that are important to bone health include, magnesium which needs to team up with vitamin B6 to regulate the absorption of cal-

cium into bone. Never take just one B vitamin, always use a B complex with the specific B vitamins recommended by your nutritionist.

Zinc deficiency reduces the number of osteoblasts, the cells that form bone, and can cause other health problems. Vitamin C helps individuals absorb calcium and iron from food in order to keep blood, bones, tendons and cell reproduction healthy.

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Having corrected bone problems, you need to start rebuilding your muscles. Every anatomy student learns that bones grow in response to stronger muscles. We know that exercise is beneficial to us in many ways, from helping us lose weight and strengthening our muscles to helping to control insulin problems and keeping our hearts healthy and our lungs strong.

Not only does exercise help our bones become stronger and denser, it helps them grow as well. Exercise is especially important for growing bones of children and teens, but also for continued health of adults of all ages.

Get The Point The World Health Organization estimates the number of hip fractures worldwide due to osteoporosis is expected to rise three-fold by the middle of the next century, from 1.7 million in 1990 to 6.3 million by 2050. Both health organizations and individuals must act now to avoid this impending epidemic. You do not need to wait until you are older to find out that you have Swiss cheese bones. Come in so we can help you

protect your bones.

"Bone Mineral Loss in Aging and Biocompatible Medicine: Age Management Interventions – A Fresh Perspective on Osteoporosis" was presented by Dr. Viana at the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine WORLD CONGRESS on ANTI-AGING. There is a chapter on Osteoporosis in Dr. Viana's latest book.

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STACY A. ANDERSON

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — While new technology and mobile applications have made old-fashioned road trips easier, the thrill of spontaneity and surprise still remains. If travelers are flexible, apps can offer ease with last-minute deals, especially good for day trips and overnight stays.

Need a hotel room immediately? There's an app for that. Or for a quick turnaround—when you just need a space to rest for a few hours—there's an app for that too.

Here are three handy apps for mobile device users that I often use on weekend trips from Washington, D.C., to the Big Apple, which can be used for other destination cities.

HOTELTONIGHT

HotelTonight offers discounted rooms at more than 10,000 hotels in nearly 400 destination cities including Miami, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston to international hotspots like London, Paris and Barcelona. Reservations are for the night of the day you select the dis-

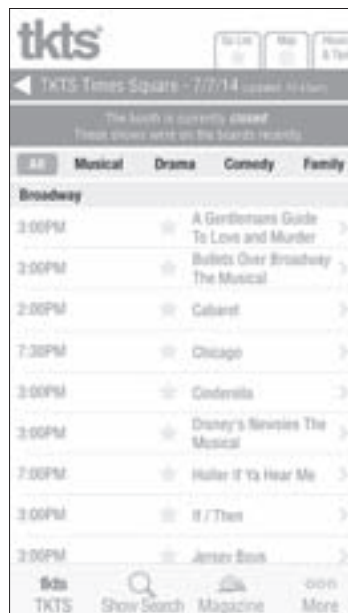
counted rate and can be booked up to five nights.

The app recently launched Express Check-in, which allows guests to immediately pick up their keys at the front desk without a lengthy process. This zip feature is only available for select hotels using the app on iPhones, and will roll out to Android users later this month.

Over a recent holiday weekend in New York—when locals often vacate the city and tourists take over—HotelTonight still offered substantial deals, especially for the early worm checking the app when new postings go live at 9 a.m. Rooms can be booked until 2 a.m.

For example, the Element by Westin in Times Square, a solid-rated Starwood Hotels and Resorts property, offered one king bed for \$129 on HotelTonight, compared to \$169 on its own website.

For a step up, the Soho House New York, a luxury hotel in the trendy Meatpacking District, posted a small room with a queen size bed for \$298 on the app, a nearly 15 percent savings compared to



This image released by TKTs shows a screenshot from the TKTs app, which provides a list of which New York City live theater shows are offering discounted tickets for that night's performance.

Associated Press

\$350 on its own website.

A perk of HotelTonight is that you can "look ahead" at other days later in the week to see the estimate price range for rooms. The app also notes major

events in the city, such as conventions and parades, which may spike rates.

BREATHER

If you've checked out of the hotel room already and don't depart until later in the day, or take a day trip and have some leisure down time, there may be a private space for relief in your city—or coming soon. The Breather app launched in New York City earlier this year lets you check-in to a commercial space complete with a table and couch to "meet, work or rest" for 30 minutes to several hours at a time. Some rooms are available as early as 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. for \$25 an hour, and may accommodate up to 10 people. Reservations can be made via the app on iPhone and Android devices, or online.

Co-founder and CEO Julien Smith said Breather is a welcome alternative to loud, bustling coffee chains where travelers often fight

for space and outlets.

"You're just constantly wondering around in cities that you don't know very well and you feel like you have no place to go," said Smith, who came up with the concept after frequently traveling for business and speaking engagements. "There's this huge scarcity of space going on in any major city of the world ... so, in a lot of places, people are just feeling that pain and when you don't have a lot of time, you don't mind paying for valuable time, or time that has what you want."

The 10 Breather locations in Manhattan span from Midtown near the Rockefeller Center to Soho's shopping district. After having brunch with friends and a few hours to spare before catching a bus back home, I checked into a Breather room two blocks from Penn Station to duck out of the rain. □

NY reaches price limit deal with car service Uber

By MICHAEL VIRTANEN

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The car service Uber has agreed to limit prices during emergencies, natural disasters or other unusual market disruptions consistent with New York's law against price gouging, the company and state attorney general said Tuesday.

Uber, which uses a mobile application to connect riders with vehicles for hire, has its rates rise and fall with demand, but it has been criticized for "surge pricing" that's sometimes exponentially higher than base fares. Prices usually increase weekdays during rush hour in New York City, on Saturday nights, special occasions like New Year's Eve and during bad weather.

Under the agreement signed Tuesday, Uber will set a cap during "abnormal disruptions of the market," limited to the range of prices charged in the

preceding 60 days and excluding the three highest prices.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said the agreement between his office and Uber Technologies Inc. and Uber NYC will apply to UberX, Uber Black and Uber SUV statewide.

"This agreement represents the thoughtful application of long-established law to new technology," Schneiderman said. "It provides consumers with critical protections to which they are entitled under the law, and it provides Uber with clarity from government about how the law will be applied to its innovative pricing model."

Uber chief executive Travis Kalanick said the policy "intends to strike the careful balance between the goal of transportation availability with community expectations of affordability during disasters."

The San Francisco-based company is expected to

apply the same cap policy for its services nationally.

On Monday, Uber said it is temporarily cutting New York City prices in a bid to compete with taxis.

The New York law against price gouging, passed almost 36 years ago in response to escalating heating oil prices, defines abnormal market disruptions as "any change in the market, whether actual or imminently threatened, resulting from stress of weather, convulsion of nature, failure or shortage of electric power or other source of energy, strike, civil disorder, war, military action, national or local emergency, or other cause ... which results in the declaration of a state of emergency by the governor."

During those times, businesses are prohibited from charging "unconscionably excessive prices" for essential consumer goods or services. □

Air France-KLM lowers its annual earning forecast

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PARIS - Air France-KLM warned Tuesday that weaker-than-expected demand during the peak summer travel season was likely to mute earnings growth this year as a rising number of unsold seats on crucial routes to North America and Asia has forced many large European carriers to lower their fares.

The warning came despite Air France-KLM's aggressive effort to lower costs and step up its competitive game on lucrative long-haul services.

The airline, Europe's third-largest by number of passengers, forecast an operating profit of no more than 2.3 billion euros, or about \$3.1 billion, this year, less than an earlier target of around 2.5 billion euros. The airline said the effects of overcapacity in its passenger business were being compounded by persistently weak demand for airfreight amid a lukewarm recovery in the global economy.

The warning sent shares of the French-Dutch group and other airline stocks lower on European exchanges. It came just weeks after a string of earnings downgrades from other European rivals, including Lufthansa of Germany, Aer Lingus of Ireland and Icelandair.

The adjustments signaled continued headwinds for Europe's full-service carriers. They are scrambling, in the midst of steep European unemployment and high oil prices, to fight a two-front battle against budget airlines in their home markets, as well as encroachment on their lucrative long-distance routes by fast-growing rivals from the Persian Gulf. "It does seem as though some of the legacy European airlines have hit a bit of an air pocket in terms of overcapacity," Stephen Furlong, an airline analyst at Davy, a brokerage in Dublin. □

Stocks fall for a second day; Nasdaq slumps

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business News

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors unloaded all manner of stocks Tuesday as they wait for corporate earnings reports to help them determine whether a recent run-up in the market is justified. Internet companies bore the brunt of the selling.

It was the second day of broad declines following record closes for major U.S. indexes last week. The Dow Jones industrial average fell below 17,000, a level it topped Thursday for the first time in its 118-year history. The technology-weighted Nasdaq composite fell 1.4 percent, its biggest drop in two months.

Among the biggest losers were Twitter and Pandora Media, a music streaming service, down 7 percent each. Facebook and Netflix each dropped more than 3 percent.

Investors also dumped small-company stocks, which tend to be riskier investments. The Russell 2000 fell 1.2 percent.

The winners of the day were utilities, considered a safe choice in uncertain times and attractive because of their fat dividends. That sector rose 0.6 percent, the only one of the 10 in the Standard and

Poor's 500 index that finished higher.

Randy Frederick, managing director of trading and derivatives at the Schwab Center for Financial Research, says the selling this week is not surprising given the S&P 500's near tripling in price since the current bull market began in 2009, and

that the strengthening U.S. economy has translated into a surge in profits. Expectations are for a 6.6 percent gain over the year earlier, double the increase in the first quarter, according to S&P Capital IQ, a research firm.

On Tuesday, the Dow index fell 117.59 points, or 0.7 per-

cent, global economy is slowing have added to investor jitters. On Tuesday, Germany reported that exports fell more than expected in May and the United Kingdom said manufacturing output dropped 1.3 percent that month.

"The global economy is taking a hit today," Ricchiutto says. "Global growth is decelerating. It may actually be stalling."

Germany's DAX stock index fell 1.3 percent on Tuesday and Britain's FTSE 100 dropped 1.2 percent.

The U.S. earnings reporting season got started after the closing bell Tuesday when aluminum maker Alcoa reported results that were better than investors were expecting. Wells Fargo, the No. 1 home mortgage lender in the U.S., reports on Friday.

Companies were hit hard in the first quarter by cold winter weather. But financial analysts expect earnings growth to accelerate for the rest of the year, topping 11 percent in the fourth quarter.

Among stocks making big moves Tuesday, drugmaker AbbVie fell \$1.71, or 3 percent, to \$55.69 following news that it raised its offer to buy another drug company, Shire. □



Fred DeMarco, left, works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday, July 8, 2014. U.S. stocks are opening lower for a second day in a row as investors position themselves for corporate earnings reports.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

also given the fact that it has lasted more than five years, making it the fourth longest since World War II. "The longer it gets out of line with historical patterns," he says, "the closer we get to fizzling out."

As companies begin reporting second-quarter earnings this week, investors will be looking for signs

cent, to close at 16,906.62. The Nasdaq fell 60.07 points to 4,391.46. The S&P 500 lost 13.94 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,963.71.

Among S&P 500 sectors, telecommunications companies fell the most, 1.5 percent.

Steven Ricchiutto, senior economist at Mizuho Securities, thinks signs that the

Cupcake shop Crumbs shuttering all its stores

NEW YORK (AP) — Crumbs says it is shuttering all its stores, a week after the struggling cupcake shop operator was delisted from the Nasdaq.

The New York City-based company said all employees were notified of the closures Monday. A representative for Crumbs could not immediately say how many workers were affected or how many stores it had remaining on its last day.

"Regrettably Crumbs has been forced to cease operations and is immediately attending to the dislocation of its employees while it evaluates its limited remaining options," the company said in an emailed statement. That will include filing for bankruptcy liquidation.

A press release from its website in March listed 65

with notification of the closures late Monday.

Crumbs was founded in



Crumbs Bake Shop managing partner Harley Bauer carries a tray of cupcakes in Beverly Hills, Calif. Crumbs on Monday, July 7, 2014 said it is shuttering all its stores, a week after the struggling cupcake shop operator was delisted from the Nasdaq.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles)

locations in 12 states and Washington. The website had not been updated

2003 and went public in 2011, selling giant cupcakes in flavors including

Cookie Dough and Girl Scouts Thin Mints. More recently, however, it had been suffering from a steep decline in sales. For the three months ending March 31, Crumbs Bake Shop Inc. reported a loss of \$3.8 million, steeper than the loss of \$2 million from the same period a year ago.

The company had warned in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission this past May that it "may be forced to curtail or cease its activities" if its operations didn't generate enough cash flow.

As of the end of last year, Crumbs listed about 165 full-time employees and about 655 part-time hourly employees working in its stores. □

American's CEO says demand for travel still bright

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AP Airlines Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

— The CEO of American Airlines says travel demand is still strong and he is not worried about airlines adding so many flights that they will drive down prices. American Airlines Group Inc. CEO Doug Parker said Tuesday that airlines can charge profitable fares even as they add seats, which is different than in past years, when they were losing money.

Parker's upbeat tone contrasted with comments from Air France-KLM, which lowered its 2014 earnings forecast because overcapacity on international flying is hurting profits. Last month, Deutsche Lufthansa AG issued a similar warning.

American is expected to release June traffic figures this week. Parker declined to say what the statistics will show, but he said, "We're happy with the demand we are seeing for the product throughout the world." He dismissed the idea that there might be too much capacity on key routes, such as between the U.S. and Europe.

"There happens to be some growth internationally from a number of carriers, including American Airlines, in response to increased demand," he said. "That's what should happen."

In the past, airlines struggled when jet fuel prices rose or overcapacity caused a drop in the average fare per mile, called yield. Most carriers are profitable now despite fuel prices which are high by historical measures, and that is partly because they have been successful at controlling the number of seats and preventing prices from falling.

American, which owns US Airways, earned \$480 million in the first quarter. Analysts expect net income to top \$1.2 billion for the second quarter, according to a survey by FactSet. □

Samsung earnings hit by slowing China sales

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

Samsung Electronics Co. said operating profit declined to a two-year low in the second quarter, hit by the strong local currency and slowing demand for smartphones in China.

Growth remains robust in emerging markets where cheap competitors have sprung up.

The South Korean electronics giant said Tuesday its operating income was 7.2 trillion won (\$7.1 billion) for the three months ended June 30, down 24 percent

since the second quarter of 2012 when Samsung's income was 6.5 trillion won. Since then, Samsung's operating profit hasn't fallen below 8 trillion won, largely driven by robust sales of Galaxy smartphones.

Quarterly sales fell 10 percent from the previous

lyst Chung Chang-won described as "very disappointing."

The company blamed the lower profit on the South Korean currency's appreciation against the U.S. dollar and the euro, as well as most emerging market currencies. The won hit a 6-year high against the U.S. dollar earlier this month.

It also said sales of medium- and low-end smartphones were weak in China and in some European countries because of stronger competition and sluggish demand. Fewer consumers in China bought handsets that run on 3G mobile networks as they waited for faster 4G networks.

Samsung, which earlier this year vowed to aggressively expand its tablet sales, acknowledged it faced some challenges in selling tablet computers. Consumers weren't replacing their tablet PCs as often as smartphones, while smartphones with a giant screen of 5 or 6 inches, such as Samsung's Galaxy Note series, replaced demand for smaller tablets that measure about 7 or 8 inches.

"Expectations have been lowered on Samsung," said Will Cho, an analyst at KDB Daewoo Securities. "With intensified competition in the mid- and low-end smartphones, it will be tough to stay as lucrative as in the past." □



A woman passes by a billboard of Samsung Electronics Co.'s Galaxy 5 at a subway station in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, July 8, 2014. Samsung Electronics Co. said operating profit declined to a two-year low in the second quarter, hit by the strong local currency and slowing demand for smartphones in China.

(AP Photo/Ahn Young-joon)

The result highlights how dependent the company has become on smartphones for its earnings. Sales growth in high-end Android devices has waned after several years of rapid expansion.

from a year earlier. That was significantly below analysts' expectations of about 8 trillion won. The company releases its full quarterly financial results later in the month.

The figure was the lowest

year to 52 trillion won.

Samsung, which usually doesn't elaborate on its financial performance until its full report later in the month, issued a rare statement to explain its result, which Nomura ana-

AbbVie raises its bid for Shire by about 11 pct

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. drug-maker AbbVie has boosted its offer for Shire by 11 percent to about \$51.3 billion, hoping it will be enough to pique the interest of its British counterpart.

Shire, known for its rare-disease drugs, has rejected three AbbVie offers to date.

North Chicago, Illinois-based AbbVie is now making an unsolicited offer of 51.15 British pounds (\$87.57) per Shire PLC share in cash and stock. Its prior bid was worth about 46.26 pounds (\$79.20) per share for a total value of 27 billion

pounds (\$46.2 billion).

AbbVie said that its revised proposal also increases the ownership held by Shire shareholders to about 24 percent of the new holding company.

It previously offered approximately 23 percent ownership.

Shire said in a statement that it did not get a look at AbbVie's revised proposal before the company's announcement. Shire said its board will meet to consider the bid and that it will make a further announcement "in due course."

Last month AbbVie said

that one of the reasons it was interested in Shire was that it saw a compelling tax break.

AbbVie said at that time that it expected the combined company to pay a tax rate of about 13 percent by 2016 after AbbVie reincorporates on the British island of Jersey, where Shire is headquartered.

That would be down from its current rate of roughly 22 percent.

Several other U.S. companies are using mergers to reincorporate in countries with lower tax rates. These moves are raising con-

cerns among U.S. lawmakers since they can cost the federal government billions in tax revenue.

AbbVie executives have also said that the product portfolios of the two companies complement each other, and that the combination would immediately give Shire a broader geographic reach.

Shire has said that AbbVie's overtures undervalue the company and its prospects. The drugmaker has also said that its board had concerns about AbbVie's interest in making the move for tax purposes. □

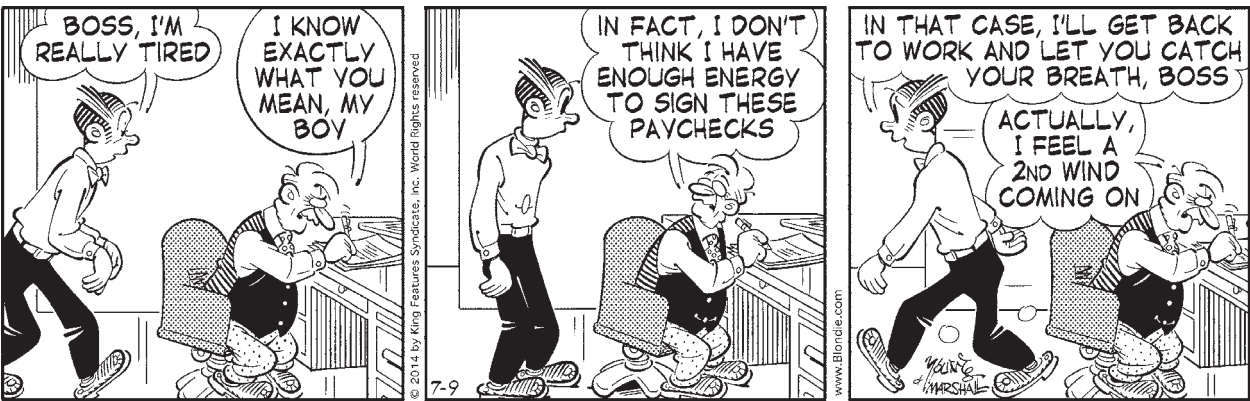
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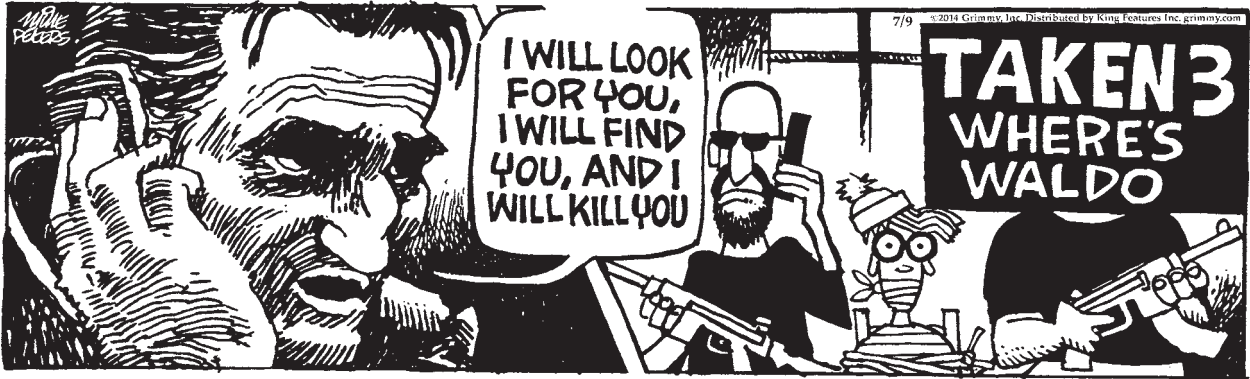
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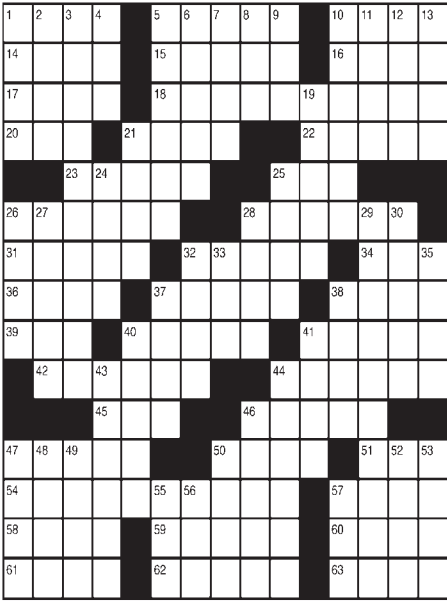
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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8	6	5	2	7	1	3	9	4
7	2	1	9	4	3	6	5	8
9	4	3	6	8	5	2	7	1

ACROSS

- 1 Relocate
5 "M*A*S*H" role
10 "___ upon a time..."
14 Gung ho
15 Steer clear of
16 Welcome blessing
17 ___ Department; store section for ties & suits
18 Dog used in searches
20 Most common conjunction
21 Adriatic & Red
22 Pig's remarks
23 Suggest
25 Rail systems in some cities
26 Happens
28 Begin to weaken
31 Witless
32 Donald Duck's love
34 Baseball's Ripken
36 Leave out
37 Uncertainty
38 Imogene ___
39 Gun the engine
40 Young hoodlums
41 Adjusted a piano
42 Renter
44 Song; air
45 Afternoon hour
46 Kingdom
47 Monastery head
50 Sheep's cries
51 "___ a long way to Tipperary..."
54 Comforting
57 Glasgow man
58 Birthday party dessert
59 Burn at the edges
60 Uncommon
61 Colors
62 Deadly snake
63 Killed



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- 1 Family member
2 Kiln
3 Spiteful
4 Begley & Koch
5 Will not obey
6 Alleviate; ease
7 Singing pairs
8 Hubbub
9 ___ as a beet
10 Woodwind player, often
11 Part of speech
12 Hit on the head
13 Finishes
19 Yule greenery
21 Nimble
24 Mixed-breed dog
25 Vane direction
26 Stench
27 One of Santa's reindeer
28 Small lies
29 Cost-effective
30 Ran fast
32 First word in a warning
33 Diving seabird

ALTER	SHAM	EVAS
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MINCE	OMIT	PLOW
SNEAKERS	ADHERE	
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ALE	GEARS	SIEVE
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- 35 Woman
37 Sand mound
38 Cherry-pick
40 Trousers
41 Ladies' socials
43 Rope loops
44 Scanty
46 Stove
47 Part of the foot
48 Boyfriend
49 Cook pies, e.g.
50 Tie up
52 Ripped
53 One-dish meal
55 Neighbor of Canada: abbr.
56 Get ___ of; shed
57 Last year's jrs.

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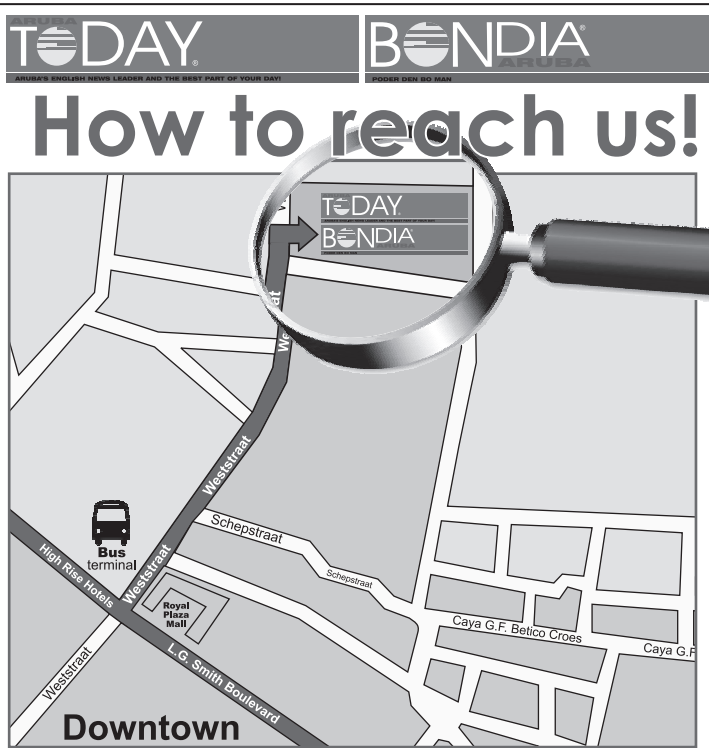


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Old vials of smallpox found in U.S. storage room

MIKE STOBBE

AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. government workers cleaning out an old storage room at a research center near Washington made a startling discovery last week — decades-old vials of smallpox packed away and forgotten in a cardboard box.

The six glass vials of freeze-dried virus were intact and sealed with melted glass, and the virus might have been dead, officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday.

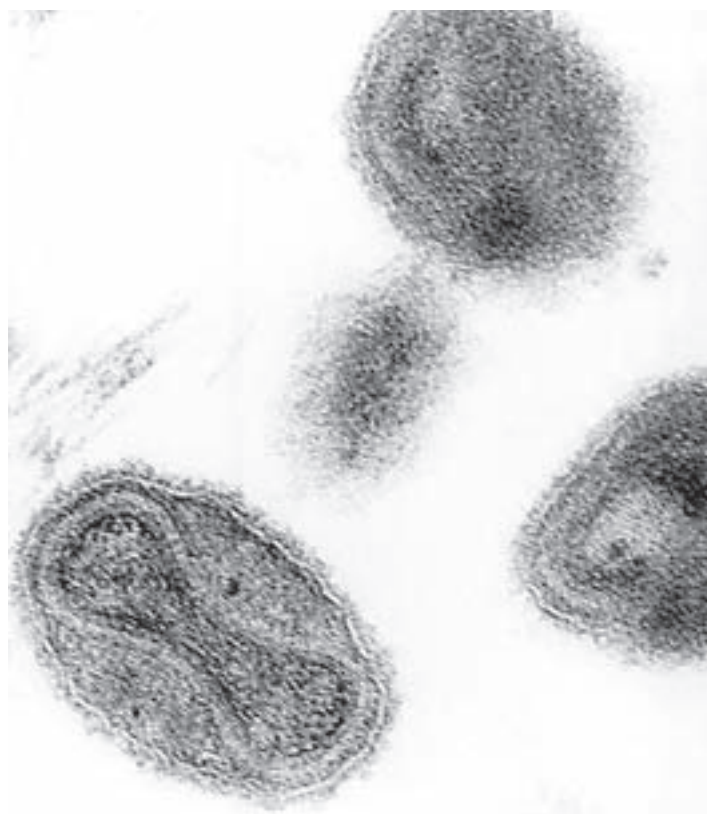
Still, the find was disturbing because for decades after the lethal disease was declared eradicated in 1980, world health authorities believed the only samples of smallpox left were safely stored in super-secure laboratories in Atlanta and in Russia.

Officials said this is the first time in the U.S. that unaccounted-for smallpox has been discovered.

It was the second recent incident in which a government health agency appeared to have mishandled a highly dangerous germ. Last month, a laboratory safety lapse at the CDC in Atlanta led the agency to give scores of employees antibiotics as a precaution against anthrax.

The smallpox virus samples were found in a building at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland that has been used by the Food and Drug Administration since 1972, according to the CDC.

Officials said the vials may have been stored there since the 1950s — no records were found that said



This 1975 file electronmicrograph from the Centers for Disease Control shows the smallpox virus.

Associated Press

exactly when they were placed there.

No one has been infected, and no smallpox contamination was found in the building.

Smallpox can be deadly even after it is freeze-dried, but the virus usually has to be kept cold to remain alive and dangerous.

In an interview Tuesday, a CDC official said he believed the vials were stored for many years at room temperature, which would suggest the samples are dead. But FDA officials said later in the day that the smallpox was in cold storage for decades.

Both FDA and CDC officials said more lab analysis will have to be done to say if the germ is dangerous.

"We don't yet know if it's live and infectious," said Stephan Monroe, deputy director of the CDC center that handles highly dan-

stroyed.

In at least one other such episode, vials of smallpox were found at the bottom of a freezer in an Eastern European country in the 1990s, according to Dr. David Heymann, a former World Health Organization official who is now a professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Heymann said it is difficult to say whether there might be other forgotten vials of smallpox out there. He said that when smallpox samples were consolidated for destruction, requests were made to ministers of health to collect all vials.

"As far as I know, there was never a confirmation they had checked in with all groups who could have had the virus," he said.

Dr. Donald "D.A." Henderson, who led the WHO smallpox eradication effort and is now a professor at the Center for Health Security at the University of Pittsburgh, said it is highly unlikely more such stashes will be discovered. But he

said "things were pretty casual" in the 1950s.

Decades ago, he recalled, "I came back from many a trip carrying specimens, and I just put them in the refrigerator until I could get them to a laboratory. My wife didn't appreciate that."

Smallpox was one of the most lethal diseases in history. For centuries, it killed about one-third of the people it infected, including Queen Mary II of England, and left most survivors with deep scars on their faces from the pus-filled lesions.

The last known case was in Britain in 1978, when a university photographer who worked above a lab handling smallpox died after being accidentally exposed to it from the ventilation system.

Global vaccination campaigns finally brought smallpox under control. After it was declared eradicated, all known remaining samples of live virus were stored at a CDC lab in Atlanta and at a Russian lab in Novosibirsk, Siberia. □

Study: Fossil soaring bird had huge wingspan



This undated image provided by the Bruce Museum shows a comparative wingspan line drawing of the world's largest-ever flying bird, Pelagornis sandersi, as identified by Daniel Ksepka, Curator of Science at the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, Conn. At bottom left is a California condor, and at bottom right is a Royal albatross. The giant bird's skeleton was discovered in 1983 near Charleston, but its first formal description was released Monday, July 7, 2014 by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

(AP Photo/Bruce Museum, Liz Bradford)
Associated Press

MALCOLM RITTER

AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A fossil found in the U.S. has revealed a gigantic bird that apparently snatched fish while soaring over the ocean some 25 million to 28 million years ago.

Its estimated wingspan of around 21 feet (6.4 meters) is bigger than the height of a giraffe.

The skeleton was discovered in 1983 in South Carolina, but its first formal description was released Monday by the Proceedings of

the National Academy of Sciences. Daniel Ksepka of the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, Connecticut, who wrote the paper, said the creature probably did not land on water. And it was apparently clumsy on land. □

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Idina Menzel to sing nat'l anthem at MLB All-Star



This June 16, 2014 file photo shows Idina Menzel performing at Radio City Music Hall in New York. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Idina Menzel is bringing Broadway to baseball. The Tony-winning performer will sing the national anthem at the MLB All-Star Game on July 15 in Minneapolis. Menzel will also perform during the pre-game ceremony, including a cover of Bob Dylan's "Forever Young."

The game at Target Field will air on Fox, where country singer Joe Nichols will

sing "God Bless America." MLB All-Star week will also include a Saturday concert by Grammy-winning rockers Imagine Dragons at the TCF Bank Stadium. A day later, Panic! At the Disco will perform at the All-Star Legends & Celebrity Softball Game at Target Field.

Singer-songwriter Aloe Blacc will hit the stage at the Home Run Derby on July 14. It will air on ESPN. □

Browne, Lynn to get lifetime Americana awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jackson Browne, Loretta Lynn, conjunto musician Flaco Jimenez and blues musician Taj Mahal will receive lifetime achievement awards at The Americana Music Association Honors and Awards ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee, in September. Browne, who has lent his voice to a number of social policy issues including clean energy, will receive the "Spirit of Americana" Free Speech Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award for songwriting will go to Lynn, who wrote hits such as "The Pill" and "Don't Come Home a Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)." Lifetime Achievement Awards for instrumentalist and performance will go



In this May 10, 2012 file photo, country music star Loretta Lynn performs at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. Associated Press

to Jimenez and Taj Mahal respectively. The organization is also partnering with Lincoln Center for the Americanafest NYC in August. □

Nash sees young people as saviors of the future

JOHN CARUCCI
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Graham Nash feels optimistic that young people will once again change America for the better. So while he's frustrated by political ideals surrounding issues like global warming and marriage equality, he realizes "those powers against progress" will naturally run their course.

"They will all die at one point and the children will take over," Nash said.

He added: "Do you know anybody under 25 that gives a damn whether you marry a man if you're a man or if you marry a woman if you're a woman? No."

Nash said young people helped administer change in the 1960s and '70s, and today's young people will have a positive influence on their generation.

The 72-year-old member of Crosby, Stills and Nash spoke exclusively to The Associated Press on Monday after the Paley Center for Media hosted a discussion with the trio about their newly released re-mastered box set commemorating their 1974 tour with Neil Young.

The twice-inducted Rock and Roll Hall of Famer also



In this April 8, 2014 file photo, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame singer-songwriter Graham Nash speaks during the Civil Rights Summit at the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, in Austin, Texas. Associated Press

shared his views on the nation's highest court and its 5-4 decision to allow companies with religious objections to avoid the contraceptive requirement in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

"It used to be that the Supreme Court was a very unbiased set of people. It's not that way anymore. ... They made corporations people? They gave them, corporations, religious rights? That's insanity to me."

He also feels Congress has been uncooperative with the president since Barack Obama took office.

"A lot of it is political power; a lot of it is because he's a black man. There's a lot of racism in this country and we have to fight it. And the way you fight it is by spreading information and letting as many people know as you can what you think is going on and let them make up their minds," Nash said. Nash feels that he and his bandmates — who sometimes include Young — have a responsibility to spark social change through music and discussion. "We're just one link in a long chain of musicians that try to make the world a better place." □

Late-night U.S. talk show 'Conan' debuts in China



In this Dec. 12, 2013, file photo, talk show host Conan O'Brien arrives for the Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences awards in Moffett Field, Calif. Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — The American late-night talk show "Conan" has racked up more than 3 million hits since its debut on an online

video site in China. The comedy show hosted by Conan O'Brien and featuring celebrity interviews is available on the website of

Sohu Video, a unit of Chinese online media group and Nasdaq-listed Sohu.com Inc., the company said Tuesday.

It is accompanied with Chinese subtitles and, in less than two weeks, has received more than 3 million hits.

Like other Chinese online video sites, Sohu licenses many hit American TV shows, including the late-night U.S. comedy sketch show "Saturday Night Live" and Ellen DeGeneres' talk show. Online video isn't as heavily regulated as television in China and so has more freedom to show dramas and comedies from the United States and other countries. □

Richard Linklater's 'Boyhood' is the time of your life

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Richard Linklater's "Boyhood," shot over 12 years, has already been hailed as a landmark without parallel in movie history. It took a rare feat of commitment from Linklater and his actors, including star Ellar Coltrane, who was cast as a 6-year-old and wrapped as a 19-year-old. But Linklater shrugs. To him, the movie — patiently made by living its own subject, time — isn't anything audacious.

"It was no different than life itself," said Linklater in a recent interview with Coltrane. "When people say, 'Oh, it was really risky,' well, I don't know. Compared to what? You're either alive or you're not. It was optimistic that we would all still be here 12 years from now. Statistically, it was probable."

What was less likely was that Linklater would pick the right 6-year-old boy out of auditions, only guessing at how adolescence and puberty would shape his star. Though it was a pact Coltrane (and his parents)



This June 18, 2014 file photo shows actor Ellar Coltrane, left, and director Richard Linklater at the premiere of "Boyhood" at BAMcinemaFest in New York.
Associated Press

made when he was barely conscious, Coltrane never waived. "I'm along for the ride," he says, upbeat that the film — "this little private thing," Linklater calls it — is finally coming out Friday. "Boyhood" is about an Austin, Texas, family of four: a boy named Mason (Coltrane), his sister Samantha (Linklater's daughter, Lorelei) and their divorced parents (Ethan Hawke

and Patricia Arquette). The project —conceived by Linklater to chart Mason from first grade to high school graduation — was so unusual that none of the cast could sign contracts for its duration. (The term limit is seven years.) The movie is fiction but its power is as a document to life. To represent aging, Hollywood has long employed a barrage of techniques,

but those tools seemed artificial to the independent filmmaker whose "Before" trilogy (which checks in on a romance every eight or nine years) also chronicles the unexpected twists of time. Instead, "Boyhood" was made in just 39 shooting days, albeit ones spread out annually over a dozen years. Linklater edited as he went, rewriting to tweak the largely pre-

planned story to include changes in Coltrane and the wider world.

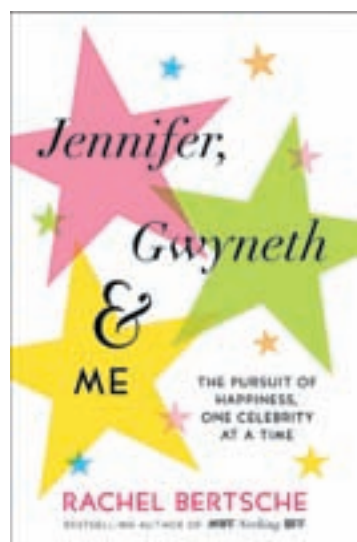
Coltrane effectively grows up on camera. Watching himself through his early teenage years, Coltrane acknowledges, can be brutal: "It's like staring into my own soul."

"Everyone kind of wonders how you change, day to day, much less over years," says Coltrane. "You have this idea of you as a child being very different from who you are when you grow up. But really, that's one of the most terrifying parts of this is that I'm the same person."

And that, in some ways, is the revelation of "Boyhood" — that while we all evolve and mature through time, we are essentially who we are, both child and parent. Our lives aren't defined by the big dramatic moments usually highlighted in movies, but flow more naturally.

"It's kind of comforting in a way to see it all together like that," says Coltrane. "It kind of forces me to accept myself, for better or worse." □

Can living like a star produce a happy ending?



This book cover image released by Ballantine Books shows "Jennifer, Gwyneth & Me: The Pursuit of Happiness, One Celebrity at a Time," by Rachel Bertsche.

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"Jennifer, Gwyneth & Me: The Pursuit of Happiness, One Celebrity at a Time" (Ballantine Books), by Rachel Bertsche
Author and celebrity-

watcher Rachel Bertsche spent nearly a year emulating the lifestyles of several famous female stars, seeking contentment, productivity and better arms. Her new book, "Jennifer, Gwyneth & Me: The Pursuit of Happiness, One Celebrity at a Time," is "The Happiness Project" meets People magazine.

Most celebrities are graced with devotees and burdened with haters, and this book — like the A-listers it covers — will likely face both. Some will hail it as a fun, thought-provoking, self-improvement memoir, while critics may call it self-indulgent and shallow.

There may be some readers who find the idea of taking life advice from celebrities questionable, but Bertsche — a journalist and former editor at Oprah Winfrey's magazine — creates a voice that is self-deprecating and relat-

able. She knows her target female audience, and her research and writing skills make it an easy read.

Throughout the book, Bertsche asks why women (including herself) are fascinated by celebrities and often see them as role models. Each of the eight chapters focuses on one celebrity's particular assets and expertise, in an area the author would like to tackle to lift her self-esteem. "A complete overhaul is too overwhelming. You don't always know where to start. Comparing yourself to others isn't necessarily the healthiest method of self-improvement but if it's impetus to get started, is that so wrong?" Bertsche asks.

Bertsche is thoughtful about her goals in the project, honest about her successes and failures, and reflective about the results. She studies Jennifer Anis-

ton's eating habits and exercise regimens to feel better about her body, looks to Sarah Jessica Parker for fashion tips and envies Beyonce's ability to work, parent and love gracefully. Taking cues from stars' lifestyles posed challenges. It's easy to complain that stars have more money and access, but Bertsche gets creative by bartering babysitting and copy writing for a gym membership, and modifying recipes and clothing choices to save money.

Bertsche's experiment also suggests that even the fabulous are flawed. When trying to follow Gwyneth Paltrow's food rules and cooking techniques, Bertsche points out the unrealistic amount of time and money the actress' habits require, and fails her seven-day detox cleanse after two days of drinking a smoothie that tastes like "sweet earwax."

Bertsche offers some valuable tips — from how to create a signature style to how to nail Tina Fey's work ethic (hint: boycott social media and always carry a notebook). But the chapters on simulating the spark in Jennifer Garner's marriage to Ben Affleck, and following Julia Roberts' way of meditating to get more Zen, seem like guesswork. The book would have more teeth if Bertsche had been able to interview any of the celebrities she writes about to get their take on whether their choices and routines actually lead to happiness. Instead, she relies on Google searches, magazine interviews and many assumptions for information.

Woven into the narrative of her celebrity makeover, Bertsche shares intimate details, including her determination to get pregnant despite fertility problems. □

My American Family



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On the Fourth of July 1951, my parents were married. Not long ago, I asked my mother, who, at 87, is still going strong, why they chose that date. I thought there might have been some symbolism. She quickly disabused me. It was because that was the only time "the market" would be closed, and my father's family could attend the wedding. The market was Nocera's Grocery Store, on Smith Street, in Providence, Rhode Island. My grandfather Lawrence, who also opened a liquor store a short block away, had started it in the early 1930s. Like many immigrants, Lawrence was a risk-taker. He had gone to Rhode Island from Italy at the age of 8 with an older brother. When Prohibition ended in 1933, he and his brother opened a liquor store. When it became clear that that first store couldn't support both families, my grandfather opened a second liquor store in the Mount Pleasant section of Providence - then an Irish middle-class enclave - a block from the grocery store. My father, who was a high school math teacher, worked there part time, but his five siblings spent the better part of their adult lives working for either the grocery store or the liquor store. My mother's side of the family was Boston Irish and English. As my mother tells the story, her grandmother's sister, a young girl in Ireland, was sent to sell a cow; she used the money to buy a ticket to America. Then, once she settled in Brighton, Massachusetts, she saved enough money to bring her sister over, too. That was my great-grandmother. By the time my mother was born, the Irish dominated Boston politics - and the patronage that went along with it. They voted for Irishmen on the ballot. Not surprisingly, my mother had two uncles who were Boston cops. My mother said that while growing up in Providence, where she moved as a child, she never thought of herself in particularly ethnic terms; that may have been because her generation had been in America long enough that their tribal identity had begun to fade. But my father and his brothers and sisters were keenly aware that they were Italian-American - and it was not always a happy thought. Like many children of

immigrants, what they wanted was to be thought of as Americans, not ethnic Americans. They spoke Italian to my grandmother, who spoke no English, but they rarely spoke Italian to each other. They eventually lost contact with their Italian relatives. When World War II broke out, my father and his two brothers immediately joined the armed forces; my uncle, Dan, had his elbow shot up during the Normandy invasion. My father and his siblings all had Italian first names, which bothered some of them no end. Dan's given name had been Dante; he changed his name long before I was born. Still, they rooted for the Yankees because of Joe DiMaggio and voted for John O. Pastore, who became the nation's first Italian-American governor in 1945 and its first Italian-American senator in 1950. For much of the next three decades, Italian-Americans dominated local politics and patronage in Providence, just as the Irish had in Boston. My mother tells me that on the eve of her marriage to my father, one of her relatives pulled her aside and said, "They're not like us, you know." But my mother could see that that wasn't true in any way that truly mattered. As Italians and Irish began to intermarry, tribal instincts lessened to the point of disappearing. My last name is about the only Italian thing about me. The same is true for my siblings and cousins. We epitomize the melting pot. We never vote based on ethnicity alone. The mayor of Providence today is Angel Taveras. He is the child of immigrants from the Dominican Republic and is the first Hispanic to serve as the city's mayor. Over the past decade-plus, Hispanics have become the single largest ethnic group in Providence, outnumbering whites 38.1 percent to 37.6 percent, according to the 2010 census data. Taveras is running for governor, and one of the people campaigning to replace him as mayor is Jorge Elorza, the child of Guatemalan immigrants. Also running for mayor is Vincent "Buddy" Cianci, who has, famously, twice been the mayor of Providence and had to leave office twice on felony convictions. Bob Plain, a liberal political analyst in Rhode Island, told me recently that the Cianci candidacy would be "an interesting referendum on your parents' Providence." My mother, for one, is not longing for a return to those days. She recently threw a meet-and-greet for Taveras, whom she also supported when he was running for mayor. "He's going to win," she said enthusiastically. It's their turn, I could almost hear her thinking. □



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Corner the Market on Summer Squash

DAVID TANIS

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Suddenly it is summer at the market. Make a wish for a summer vegetable or fruit and most likely it is there. Shaded tents now brim with green beans, tomatoes, eggplant, even corn. More stalls are piled with cherries and red currants and peaches and tiny sweet strawberries.

But the summer squash appeals to me most: zucchini and its cousins, Pattypan, Yellow crookneck and Ronde de Nice.

My mother's Midwestern city kitchen didn't really feature fresh vegetables, only fresh-frozen, so zucchini was never an option our table. Upon leaving home, visiting a small farm in rural California, I tasted freshly picked summer squash, steamed with butter and fresh dill. It was a revelation. So much better than anything called zucchini that I had experienced, and perfectly cooked, not too soft. I also learned how to choose the very best zucchini and summer squash in the patch. Not too small - the so-called baby zucchini are cute, but often slightly bitter. Pick the next size up, a little bit plumper, but still firm, with shiny, pale skin. If you want squash blossoms, pick the males, the ones with the long stems. Fe-

male blossoms quickly bear fruit. Forget about the giant overgrown squashes; give those to the chickens. There will new squash ready to pick tomorrow.

If you have a zucchini patch, you're all set. Otherwise, get thee to a farm stand or greenmarket for just-picked squash. There really is a difference. The taste of new-cut summer squash is appreciatively sweeter, even when eaten raw. Grocery store zucchini is grown to a particular length so it fits in a box for shipping; at the market, there are squashes in every color from celadon green to sunflower yellow, and in a variety of shapes to match.

To make that simple steamed zucchini, put the chopped squash in a shallow saucepan with an inch of water, a pat of butter and a pinch of salt. Cook rapidly, covered, for five minutes, until just done, and a fork easily pierces the flesh. Serve it sprinkled with freshly chopped dill or basil and some of the buttery juices.

When you tire of steamed zucchini, move on to zucchini pancakes, zucchini pickles and fried zucchini coins. Put summer squash in your succotash, your ratatouille, your frittata.

Or give your zucchini a touch of elegance and make these

savory individual soufflés for a great first course. The soft flavors of cheese, egg, squash blossom and summer squash mingle beautifully.

ZUCCHINI & SQUASH BLOSSOM SOUFFLÉS

Time: About 1 hour

Yield: 6 to 8 small soufflés (using six 8-ounce or eight 6-ounce ramekins)

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for greasing ramekins

1/4 cup flour

1 1/2 cups whole milk or half-and-half, more as needed

1 thyme sprig

1 bay leaf

Kosher salt and pepper

Pinch cayenne

A little freshly grated nutmeg

2 pounds small fresh zucchini, coarsely grated, about 4 cups

4 large eggs, separated

1 small green serrano chili, finely chopped (optional)

4 ounces Emmentaler or Gruyère, grated, or a mixture with 1/4 part Parmesan

1 tablespoon finely cut chives

2 tablespoons rough-chopped basil

6 to 8 squash blossoms, tough part removed, torn into 1/2-inch strips

1. Butter ramekins well and set aside. Heat oven to 400 degrees.



Zucchini and squash soufflés, in New York.

(Karsten Moran/The New York Times)

2. Make a thick béchamel sauce: Melt 4 tablespoons butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan. Stir in flour and cook together over medium heat for a few minutes, without browning. Slowly add milk or half-and-half, stirring constantly with a wire whisk. Add thyme sprig and bay leaf and simmer over very low heat for 15 minutes, whisking occasionally, and adding a little more milk or

half-and-half if the sauce gets too thick. Remove and discard thyme sprig and bay leaf. Season sauce well with salt and pepper, then add cayenne and nutmeg. Remove from stove and let cool slightly.

3. Meanwhile, sprinkle grated zucchini with 1 teaspoon salt and mix well. Put zucchini in a colander and let drain for 15 minutes. Working with one handful at a time, squeeze all excess liquid from zucchini. Discard liquid or use for another purpose (such as soup).

4. Pour egg yolks into béchamel sauce and beat until smooth. Add zucchini, chopped chili and grated cheese and mix well with a wooden spoon or spatula. Add a bit more salt and pepper, then add chives, basil and squash blossoms. Mix to distribute.

5. In a separate bowl, beat egg whites until stiff. Stir 1/4 of the beaten whites into the zucchini mixture to lighten it, then carefully fold in remaining whites. Quickly spoon soufflé batter into ramekins. Place ramekins on a baking sheet and bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Lower heat to 350 and rotate baking tray. Bake an extra 10 to 15 minutes, until tops are nicely browned and a small knife inserted emerges dry. Serve immediately. □



Preparing zucchini and squash soufflés, in New York, July 1, 2014. Zucchini and summer squash fresh from the market can be a revelation this time of year. (Karsten Moran/The New York Times)